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SUMMARY.

The Russian Government has lost all authority in the Baltic provinces. The military are fraternising with the revolutionaries.

The ferment among the marines at Libau continues.

The presence of a German squadron in the Baltic is considered to portend the flight of the Czar.

The peasants are rising everywhere, and the situation throughout Russia is extremely critical.

Peasants have deposed the clergy and officials and have installed their own officials.

They have also prevented landowners selling grain, and have proclaimed that the forests are communal property.

On Sunday hooligans at Odessa tortured and killed Jewish children in the presence of their parents, who were then massacred.

Hundreds of corpses lie in the streets of the city. Nuns offering help to the wounded were killed.

Fifty thousand residents have quitted Odessa owing to terrorism.

Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman hopes to submit the names of the new Ministers to the King on Monday.

It is expected that the Imperial Parliament will be dissolved before the middle of January.

The French Senate has adopted the bill for the separation of Church and State, as passed by the Chamber of Deputies.

Most German newspapers throw upon Great Britain the onus of effecting reconciliation with Germany.

Increasing acrimony on the part of leading Paris and Berlin journals on the eve of the Morocco Conference occasions uneasiness.

M. Clemenceau complains of browbeating by Germany, and says it is impossible to live at peace with the ambitious German Emperor.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" says it is impossible to regard the approach of the conference without apprehension.

Experiments show that Professor Behring's prophylactic is completely efficacious against bovine tuberculosis.

President Roosevelt, in his message to Congress, notes that the decrease of the marriage and birth rates is coincident with women entering into industry.

Brahmin agitators in the Punjab have secured a boycott of European sugar, alleging it is refined with bonedust and ox blood.

A million immigrants entered America last year.

The Senate yesterday ratified the agreement made with the Eastern Extension Company by Sir Edmund Barton.

Amendments were made to terminate the former State agreements at the earliest possible period.

The second reading of the Immigration Restriction Amendment Bill was agreed to in the House of Representatives by 39 votes to six.

In the Legislative Assembly the Amending Land Bill was dealt with at the second reading stage.

The measure provides for a new tenure—a 40 years' lease, which may be converted into an original conditional purchase at the expiration of 10 years.

The Premier proposes to ask the Assembly to sit to-morrow, and it is believed that the session will terminate with Friday's sitting.

An impression exists that the Government will not proceed further this session with the North Coast Railway Bill.

Earl Jersey distributed the prizes at St. Ignatius' College yesterday, and later he visited the Legislative Council, and was warmly welcomed.

On the City Bowling Green, Lord Jersey captained a team which defeated its opponents by 48 points.

An officer on H.M.S. Powerful says that the Admiralty is more than maintaining the strength of the Australian squadron.

He also says that H.M.S. Powerful is a superior vessel to the late flagship Euryalus.

The Australian squadron will take part in the manoeuvres of the Navy in June (to rehearse the measures to be taken for the protection of commerce in war).

The gold yield of the State for the past 11 months was valued at £1,057,066, as compared with £1,024,736 for the corresponding period of 1904.

The Camperdown aldermen are resenting the administration of the borough by the official receiver without consultation with the council.

The Carcase Butchers' Association is protesting against the removal of the Glebe Island abattoirs to Homebush.

The jury in the Banco Court yesterday awarded Anne Borman £140 damages against the Railway Commissioners in respect of injuries received through a fall from a tram.

A complaint was made in Parliament yesterday that the Premier had left discretionary power with the Railway Administration Commission to sit in camera.

Mr. Carruthers explained that the members of the commission were of opinion that the proceedings should be public.

The City Coroner yesterday committed Mary Ann Wilkinson for trial on a charge of infanticide.

The Water and Sewerage Board is again protesting against the dual control system by which it is brought into conflict with the Public Works Department.

A resident of Gulgong received by post a piece of wedding cake, and after eating portion of it suffered from strychnine poisoning.

An execution, at which 1000 persons were present, in Noumea, was bungled, and the revolting spectacle of the condemned man struggling for 14 minutes was presented.

Mr. J. G. Woolley, temperance advocate, of Chicago, who arrived in Sydney yesterday, says that throughout the world the prospects of prohibition are bright.

The barque Ochtertyre, which arrived last night from London, had suffered considerable deck damage owing to a terrific storm.

The steamer Moresby, which struck a reef in the Solomons, has been floated off without damage.

Showery conditions prevail on the coast and highlands, but the weather is fine inland.

Mr. Samuel Beardow, contractor for the mail between Dunoon and Lismore, was killed as the result of a kick by a horse.

A majority of the members of the Navigation Commission are opposed to the exemption from wages conditions of mail steamers between Western Australia and Adelaide.

In the City Council last night efforts were made to reduce or abolish the Lord Mayor's allowance, but it was retained at £1000.

The South Australian Government is pushing forward its bill to authorise the construction of works on the River Murray.

The election returns in New Zealand show that the Government is sweeping the polls.

Ministers—so far as the returns have been received—have been elected by great majorities.

Sir William Russell, a very old Oppositionist, and other prominent members of the Opposition have been defeated.

A Dulwich Hill tram got out of control last night, and running down Brickfield Hill crashed into a Pyrmont car near Campbell-street.

Seven persons on the Dulwich Hill tram were injured, two so seriously that they were detained at Sydney Hospital.

The front portion of the Dulwich Hill tram was wrecked, and the Pyrmont car was badly damaged.

At the wool sales yesterday all descriptions, except crossbreds and lambs' wools, were decidedly weaker.

A large number of sales of investment securities was effected on the Exchange, but the actual volume of business was only moderate.

Queensland gold stocks commanded most attention in the Mining market, and silver shares were less in demand.

Much activity prevailed in some departments of the Import market.

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OROTAVA	5858	Collins	Dec. 30	Jan. 2	Jan. 4
ORMUZ	6465	Coad	Jan. 13	Jan. 16	Jan. 18
OROYA	6297	Jenks	Jan. 27	Jan. 30	Feb. 1
*ORTONA	8000	Fletcher	Feb. 10	Feb. 13	Feb. 15
a*OPHIR	6814	Kershaw	Feb. 21	Feb. 27	Mar. 1
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MACKAY, BOWEN, TOWNSVILLE, LUCINDA, GERALDTON, MOURILYAN, CAIRNS, PORT DOUGLAS, COOKTOWN } ARAMAC, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 12. WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 19. WODONGA, WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m., December 27.

THURSDAY ISLAND, NORMANTON, BURKETOWN } WYANDRA, TUESDAY, 7 p.m., December 19. (Transhipping at Brisbane.)

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NARRUNG	5078 W. C. Simonds	Jan. 26

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TO WEST AND SOUTH AUSTRALIAN, VICTORIAN, AND QUEENSLAND PORTS.

FOR MELBOURNE, GEELONG, PORTLAND, WARRNAMBOOL { PEREGRINE, SATURDAY, Dec. 9, 1 p.m. GABO, SATURDAY, Dec. 16, 1 p.m.

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Steamer.	To leave Sydney	To leave Melbourne	To leave Adelaide
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BRISBANE, MARYBOROUGH, BUNDABERG, ROCKHAMPTON, MACKAY, TOWNSVILLE, CAIRNS, and RIVER PORTS. { BUNINYONG, SATURDAY, Dec. 9, 2 p.m. LEURA, TUESDAY, Dec. 12, 5 p.m.

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Choice Quality Kid and Suede Gloves, stitched backs .... 4s 11d pair
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WIMMERA, SATURDAY, December 16, noon.
No Cargo received for Bluff.
From MELBOURNE, via HOBART and BLUFF.—WIMMERA, WEDNESDAY, January 3.

TASMANIA.
HOBART—
WESTRALIA—
*SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 11 a.m., and Dec. 23, 29.
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From HOBART—
WESTRALIA, Dec. 9, 19, 27.
LAUNCESTON—
From MELBOURNE. — LOONGANA (Turbine Steamer), Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
From LAUNCESTON.—Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

MELBOURNE.
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MANNING RIVER.—Electra, Monday, 2 p.m.
PORT MACQUARIE.—Rosedale, This Day, 9 p.m.
NAMBUCCA RIVER.—Nerong, To-morrow, 5 p.m.
BELLINGER RIVER.—Rosedale, This Day, 9 p.m.
PORT STEPHENS, BULAHDELAH, BOORAL WHARF, and STROUD.—Hawke, Saturday, 5 p.m.
From DRUITT-STREET WHARF.
BYRON BAY.—Cavanba, Saturday, 9 a.m.
TRIAL BAY.—Cavanba, Saturday, 9 a.m.
TWEED RIVER Direct.—Steamer, Tuesday, 8 p.m.
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SHOALHAVEN RIVER, NOWRA, BERRY.—S.S. COOMONDERRY, TUESDAY, 9 p.m.
ULLADULLA, BATEMAN'S BAY, CLYDE RIVER, NELLIGEN.—S.S. ILLAWARRA, FRIDAY, 8 p.m.; S.S. ILLAWARRA, TUESDAY, 5 p.m.
MORUYA, via BATEMAN'S BAY.—S.S. ILLAWARRA, FRIDAY, 8 p.m. (Passengers only.)
MORUYA DIRECT, WAGONGA.—S.S. COOMONDERRY, THURSDAY, 8 p.m.
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TWEED RIVER DIRECT.—S.S. DUROBY, FRIDAY, 6 p.m. COFF'S and WOOLGOOLGA.—S.S. COOLOON, TUESDAY, 9 p.m., via Newcastle. Cargo daily. LANGLEY BROS., Phoenix Wharf.

(Shipping Advertisements continued on Page 12.)

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GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.

CHEAP EXCURSIONS TO THE HAWKESBURY RIVER.

In conjunction with the steamer General Gordon, TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) AND SATURDAY NEXT.

Train will leave Sydney at 9.5 a.m., and Milson's Point at 8.50 a.m.

The River Trip will occupy 5 hours.

RETURN FARES from Sydney and Suburban Stations, including Steamer Trip:—First-class, 5s 6d; Second-class, 3s 6d.

Refreshments can be obtained on board the Steamer at reasonable rates.

By order of the Commissioners,
(11-116) H. McLACHLAN, Secretary.

AMUSEMENTS.

MISS NELLIE STEWART'S FAREWELL TO AUSTRALIA.

As is befitting the occasion, Miss Stewart will BID FAREWELL TO HER COUNTRY in the City of her birth, SYDNEY, in a Limited Number of SPECIAL PERFORMANCES, commencing on SATURDAY, DEC. 16th, WITH A MATINEE of SWEET NELL OF OLD DRURY, AT THE CRITERION THEATRE.

Full particulars of these few performances will be advertised Next Saturday.

UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF H. E. THE LIEUT.-GOVERNOR and LADY DARLEY, the EARL and COUNTESS of JERSEY, the PREMIER, the STATE COMMANDANT, etc.

In aid of the Special Christmas Fund of the BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

MISS NELLIE STEWART has generously promised the assistance of herself and Company, and will play FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SYDNEY, the new Comedietta, "'OP O' ME THUMB." The SYDNEY MUFFS will present the favourite Comedy, "CASTE." PALACE THEATRE, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14. Tickets issued for previous date will be available. TICKETS, 5s, 3s, 1s.

Box Plan at Paling's, MONDAY, Dec. 11.
Mrs. D. J. MONK, Mrs. C. A. EDWARDS, COLEMAN P. HYMAN, Hon. Secs.

PETERSHAM TOWN HALL.
TO-NIGHT AND EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT,
CLAY'S VAUDEVILLE COMPANY.
NEW ARTISTS. NEW ILLUSTRATED SONGS. NEW MOVING PICTURES.
6d ADMISSION, FRONT SEATS 6d EXTRA.
MASONIC HALL, SYDNEY, EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT.
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PATRONS:—His Excellency the STATE GOVERNOR. The Hon. JAMES ASHTON, M.L.A.
MOONLIGHT CARNIVAL. FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER.
LANDS DEPARTMENT MUSICAL and DRAMATIC SOCIETY.
HARBOUR EXCURSION, Spending Part of the Evening at CLIFTON GARDENS.
The Commodious S.S. KULGOA will leave Fort Macquarie Jetty at 8 p.m., calling at Musgrave-street, Mosman, at 8.15 p.m.
ORCHESTRA and CHORUS of 80 Performers.
TICKETS, 1s, from Members and PALING and CO.

MODEL PUBLIC SCHOOL, FORT-STREET.
GRAND BAZAAR, ON THE PREMISES.
OPENING CEREMONY will be performed by the Hon. B. B. O'CONOR, Minister for Public Instruction, at 7.30, THIS (Thursday) EVENING. S. Cricket Drill, as illustrated in this week's Sydney Mail. Grand Concert, Magic Lantern, Competitions, Displays, etc., etc.
Bazaar continued FRIDAY and SATURDAY, 2.30 to 10 p.m.

MANLY WATER CHUTE.
Sole Lessee and Director .... Mr. L. De Groen.
OPEN DAILY, 2 to 10 P.M.
NUMEROUS NOVELTIES AND AMUSEMENTS, including—
CINEMATOGRAPH, PUNCH AND JUDY, ADRIANNA (the Great Cyclist), SHOOTING GALLERY, ELECTRIC NOVELTIES, THE WATER CHUTE, THE TOBOGGANS, TEA ROOMS.
ADMISSION, 3d, CHILDREN 1d.
SATURDAY NEXT, DEC. 9, FIRST SPECIAL OPEN-AIR "SMOKO." GRAND PROGRAMME by VICE-REGAL BAND and SELECTED VAUDEVILLE ARTISTS.
Tickets, including admission to Jangko and Return Trip, One Shilling, at Nicholson's and Ferry Company's Office, Circular Quay.

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LECTURES 3 AND 8. EXPLANATIONS ALL DAY.
STORM, FIRING, AND CANNON BOOMING.
NEW ILLUSIONS, NEW LIVING PICTURES.
FULL BAND EVERY NIGHT.
ADMISSION TO ALL, 1s. Children, 6d.

GRAHAME MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WAVERLEY.—THE CHRISTMAS FAIR will be opened by Mrs. JOHN MARKS on FRIDAY, 8th inst., at 3 o'clock, in the School Hall, Charing-cross, and will be continued till SATURDAY EVENING. Evening Entertainments at 8d.

ST. MATTHIAS' CHURCH, PADDINGTON.
MOONLIGHT EXCURSION,
THIS EVENING, FORT MACQUARIE, 7.30.
BAVARIAN BAND ENGAGED.

ASHFIELD PARK.
GRAND CONTINENTAL AND FETE, in aid of the QUEEN VICTORIA HOMES FOR CONSUMPTIVES, on FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT. Afternoons at 2, Evenings at 7 o'clock.
To be Opened on FRIDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, by W. E. V. ROBSON, Esq., M.L.A.

THE NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB, 73 and 75 Castlereagh-street (near King-street).
THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 7th DECEMBER, 3.15 p.m.
K. REGAN v RUSSELL. 20 Rounds, one to win.
Prices: 1s to all parts of the hall.
THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 14th December. BERT MURPHY v B. CAREY.

GOVERNMENT NOTICES.

Commonwealth of Australia, Postmaster-General's Department, 21st October, 1905.

TENDERS FOR SEALING WAX AND TWINE, Etc. ATTENTION is directed to a Notice appearing in the "Commonwealth Gazette" of 21st October, 1905 (a copy of which may be seen at any official Post-office), inviting Tenders for the supply of Sealing Wax, Twine, Mailbags, and Postcard Boards to this Department in Tasmania.
AUSTIN CHAPMAN, Postmaster-General.

Postmaster-General's Department, 6th December, 1905.

TENDERS will be received by the Deputy Postmaster-General, Sydney, until 2.30 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 28th February next, for the Supply and Delivery of 830 tons Copper Wire, 32,000 Insulators, etc. For further particulars see "Commonwealth Gazette" of 2nd instant.
AUSTIN CHAPMAN, Postmaster-General.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MRS. BARR, Clairvoyante.—Sittings daily; Seance, To-night, 8. 82 City-rd, city.

MDME. SYLVESTER, Palmist, ladies only. No. 24 Kensington-st, off George-st West, nr. Tooth's.

MADAM FLORENZO, London Clairvoyant, Palmist, few wks. only. 10-9. 120 Crown-st, 3 drs. Wm.-st.

MRS. SCALES, Clairvoyant.—Circles nightly, 7 o'c. Daily 10 to 5. 20 King-st Arcade.

PAUL FERRIS, Palmist and Phrenologist. 11 Royal Arcade.

SPIRITUALISM.—Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, daily, Seance nightly, Sat. excepted. 279 Pitt-st, upst., side ent.

SASSOON, Face Specialist, late Eliz.-st.—Hours, 11-8, at 14 Glebe Pt.-rd.

MRS. M. FRANCIS, Spiritualist, To-night, 8. 80 King-st, Newtown, near Avenue.

MRS. BROWN, removed Northwood-st, back Wade's Mills; leave tram Church-st, N'town. Meet to-night.

JOSEPHINE, Crystal Clairvoyant, To-day and To-morrow, 12 to 5. No. 2 Hattie's Arc., Kg.-st. Nth.

HUNT SERDELL.—Seance nightly, 7.30. Sittings daily, private, 10 to 5, on all matters. Developing Class Wednesday, at 8 p.m., vacancies. 58 Bligh-street, off Missenden-road, Newtown.

MADAME VEAUX, the Great Palmist, has returned. May be consulted at 234 Palmer-st, Darlinghurst.

CLAIRVOYANT.—Mr. Stephenson, Seance To-night; daily, 10-5. 40 Regent-st, city, near railway.

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MADAME FOSTER, true Clairvoyante, sees ladies, all matters, daily, nightly. 100 Fitzroy-st, M. Pk.

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WANTED to hire, 3 Highland Suits, one night, boys 12. Apply F.R., P.O., Dulwich Hill.

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"LEAH KLESCHNA."

AN UNDOUBTED SUCCESS.

This FASCINATING, REMARKABLE PLAY, with its MAGNETIC AND SOUL-STIRRING STORY, its SPLENDID INTERPRETATION and PERFECT STAGING, is now THE TALK OF THE TOWN. The LONDON AND NEW YORK VERDICT endorsed that it is "A VERITABLE AND POPULAR TRIUMPH."

THIS THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, at 8 o'clock,
Mr. Williamson presents C. M. S. McLellan's great play
"LEAH KLESCHNA."
"LEAH KLESCHNA."

TITTELL BRUNE ...... as ...."LEAH KLESCHNA."

Box Plan at Paling's, 9.30 till 5, and at Theatre office, Market-street, from 5 to 7. Day Sale at Callose's, Fruiterer.
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MOONLIGHT EXCURSION to COOGEE TO-NIGHT.—Special Trams 7.0 to 8.0 p.m. Fare, 3d each way. First-class Band. (T. 28)

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Lessee .... J. C. Williamson.
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Headed by the Talented Australian Actress,
EUGENIE DUGGAN,
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Produced under the Sole Direction of WILLIAM ANDERSON.

POPULAR PRICES, 3s, 2s, 1s. Early Doors, 6d Extra. Box Plan at Elvy's. Booking Fee, 1s extra. DAY SALE (Early Door Tickets only) at Keene's, Confectioner, Hawes' British Fruit Shop, and White Rose.
Bus. Mgr., Julius Grant. Advance Mgr., M. Joseph.

ST. JAMES' HALL, SYDNEY,
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1905.
Miss ALICE KENNEDY'S PUPILS' SONG RECITAL, At 8 o'clock.
Assisted by Herr Gerard Vollmar and Miss Harriet Stephens.
Accompanist, Miss Eva Jones, A.L.C.M.
Tickets, 2s and 1s.
Plan at Paling's.

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HAWKESBURY RIVER.—EXCURSION TO NEWPORT.—Steamer COBAR (weather permitting) leaves Fort Macquarie NEXT SUNDAY MORNING, December 10, at 10.15 o'clock, and arriving back at 6 p.m. Passengers landed at Newport for dinner. Return Fare, 2s.

XMAS, Oxford-st, opp. Foy's, for Chil. Portraits; inexpensive, artistic. Photos copied or enlarged.

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Nothing old, everything original, nothing plagiarised; not this, nor that, nor the other Magic Show, but THE MAGIC SHOW OF THE WORLD.

Remember, these great artists can only remain in Sydney for a few more nights.

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KELLY AND AGNES, Mr. TOM DAWSON,
Mr. ARTHUR ALBERT, Miss MAUD FANNING,
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In a new and original Musical Programme.

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MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS.

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EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.
COOK WARD, CITY OF SYDNEY.

I, THOMAS HUGGINS NESBITT, Town Clerk of the City of Sydney, the Returning Officer for the City of Sydney, as provided by the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, DO HEREBY GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, that the BALLOT for the ELECTION of ONE ALDERMAN for Cook Ward, in the City of Sydney, will take place between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on THURSDAY, the seventh day of December, 1905, at the Congregational School Hall, Devonshire-street, and Riley-street.

For the information of Candidates desiring to appoint Scrutineers the following list is published showing the Divisions into which the Alphabet has been divided in the Ward, namely:—

A to G, H to P, Q to Z.

Every Candidate is entitled to appoint ONE Scrutineer to each portion of the Alphabet, and must be furnished with a letter signed by the Candidate to the Returning Officer, authorising him to act.

THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk, Returning Officer.
Town Clerk's Room, Town Hall, Sydney, 2nd December, 1905.

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EXTRAORDINARY VACANCY.
COOK WARD, CITY OF SYDNEY.
ELECTION OF ONE ALDERMAN.

I, THOMAS HUGGINS NESBITT, Town Clerk of the City of Sydney, the Returning Officer for the City of Sydney, as provided by the Sydney Corporation Act, 1902, DO HEREBY GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, that the Citizens hereunder mentioned have been duly NOMINATED to fill the Office of ALDERMAN for Cook Ward, in the City of Sydney, namely:—

DANIEL CLANCY, of 184 Devonshire-street, city, late of 44 Point-street, Pyrmont, city. Nominated by Thomas Hickey, of 184 Devonshire-street, and John Congrove, of 2 Lansdowne-street, and others.

WILLIAM CHARLES DRURY, of 12 Rose-road, city. Nominated by Warburton Edwards, of 58 Wilton-street, and John Seymour, of 35 Adelaide-street, and others.

JOHN GEORGE GRIFFIN, of 330 George-street, city, and Hurstville. Nominated by George Donaldson, of 457 Riley-street, and John Benjamin Molloy, of 217 Devonshire-street, and others.

MICHAEL McGRATH, of 39 Marlborough-street, city. Nominated by Louis Sonenfeld, of 8 Cooper-street, and Louis Lawrence Boshall, of 224 Devonshire-street, and others.

ELI MORKMON, of 143 Devonshire-street, city, late of 26 Wilton-street, city. Nominated by James Stedman, of 23-29 Wilton-street, city, and Redfern, and John James Gillham, of 24 Holt-street, and others.

THOMAS H. NESBITT, Town Clerk, Returning Officer.
Town Clerk's Room, Town Hall, Syd., 4th Dec., 1905.

COOK WARD ELECTION.
VOTE FOR
MICHAEL McGRATH,
an Old Resident of the Ward,
who stands in the interests of True Reform and Progression.
POLLING-PLACE,
DEVONSHIRE-STREET SCHOOL HALL,
from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.,
THIS DAY, THURSDAY, DEC. 7th.

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FINDER Bag dropped from tram Tues. night kindly return papers, specs., keep money. 99 Phillip-st.

LEFT in Shop, Oxford-st, Black-hg. Silk Parasol. Reward returning Quambi, Pine-av., Waverley.

LOST, from 80 Elizabeth-st, near King-st, on Tuesday evening, Black CAT. Reward.

LOST, yesterday afternoon, in city, fcy. Gold Chain Bracelet; rew. Exchange Hotel, cor Pitt-Bridge sts.

LOST, in Orwell-st, Wed. morning, PURSE. Will finder kindly return 12 Orwell-st. Reward.

LOST, at or betw. Centenary Hall and Lewisham, via train, Gold Bangle; reward. 41 Boulevard, Lew'm.

LOST, BULL-TERRIER, all white; reward. 62 Glebe-rd, Glebe.

LOST, BAG, containing books; 5s reward. 210 Sussex-st, city.

LOST, Tuesday evening, Blue Cattle Bitch; finder rewarded. Ashley, Morris-st, Summer Hill.

LOST, Mosman, Australian Terrier, yng., blk., brown points; rew. Whittell, Illawarra, Bedan-st, Mosm.

LOST, on Tuesday, pair Gold-rimmed Glasses. Please return to Flavelle Bros., 340 George-st. Reward.

LOST, Sun. night, gold bar Brooch (Will.), keepsake; rwd. at Whitby, Brandling-st, Alexandria.

LOST, Envelope, cont. refs., about city, name and address on envelope. Herald Office, King-st.

LOST, Wed., special boat (Riverview), gent.'s crook handle Umbrella, sil.-mtd. Boylan's Hotel, Pyrm.

LOST, Town Hall or Park-st, Masonic Apron, name under flap. Reward, Masonic Club, Pitt-st.

LOST, Gold BANGLE, nickel ticket. Miss Wallis, c.o. A. B. Macdonald, dentist, 157 Elizabeth-st.

LOST, the Morning Headache now that I stick to DICKENS' WHISKY.

RAIN CLOAK, in straps, left in Padd. tram yesterday, 12.30; rew. Apply 150 Queen-st, W'lahra.

REWARD.—Lost, Gold BROOCH, between Bridge-rd and Glebe P.O. 179 Bridge-rd.

REWARD, £1.—LOST, Tuesday evening, at or between Manly and Sydney, Gold CHAIN and Double Photo PENDANT.
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FOUND, exhstd. cond., Hom'g Pigeon, numbered G 133. Owner communicate Mr. T. R. Davis, Hrld.

FOUND, in Strand Arcade, a SUM of MONEY. Apply
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Telephone, 4466.

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G. L. GOODMAN, Business Manager.

CRITERION THEATRE.
The Following GREAT SPECIAL PROGRAMME has been arranged for THE LAST WEEK OF THE SEASON.
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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, and WEDNESDAY MATINEE. } PATIENCE.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, and FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15. } THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE.
SPECIAL NOTICE.
The Box Plan for the entire season now open.

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Good Refreshment Rooms in the Grounds.
Open 10 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of GEORGE KENYON, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Law Stationer, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney; and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the tenth day of January next, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 5th day of December, in the year 1905. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. MAKINSON and PLUNKETT, Proctors for Executor, 49 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ELIZA AUSTEN, late of Croydon, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the first accounts and plan of distribution in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the tenth day of January, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixth day of December, in the year 1905. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate and Effects of CHARLES CAPEL GREENWAY, late of Howard, Tarro, in the State of New South Wales, formerly Archdeacon of the District of Grafton, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills Probate and Administration Act, 1898, Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Hillside, Hunter's Hill, N.S.W., on 18th October, 1905, are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims and demands upon the said Estate to the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited, 2 Spring-street, Sydney, the Executors and Trustees of the said Estate, to whom Probate was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 4th December, 1905, on or before the twentieth day of January next, in default whereof the said Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, will after the last mentioned date, proceed to administer the Estate, and distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have notice, and the said Company will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this fifth day of December, 1905. For PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited, A. J. MACKENZIE, Manager. Messrs BRAYE and COHEN, Proctors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate and Effects of Reverend JAMES CAMERON, late of Richmond, in the State of New South Wales, Doctor of Divinity, deceased.—Pursuant to the Wills Probates and Administration Act, 1898, Notice is hereby given that all creditors and other persons having any claims or demands against or upon the Estate of the abovenamed deceased, who died at Yuelbar, Richmond, N.S.W., on 8th October, 1905, are hereby required to send in full particulars of their claims and demands upon the said Estate to the PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited, 2 Spring-street, Sydney, the Executors and Trustees of the said Estate, to whom Probate was granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales on 4th December, 1905, on or before the twentieth day of January next, in default whereof the said Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, will after the last mentioned date proceed to administer the Estate, and distribute the assets among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims and demands of which they shall then have notice, and the said Company will not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof so distributed, to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this fifth day of December, 1905. For PERPETUAL TRUSTEE COMPANY, Limited, A. J. MACKENZIE, Manager. Messrs BOWMAN and MACKENZIE, Proctors.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JANE RANNARD, late of High-street, Willoughby, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Widow, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Letters of Administration, with the Will annexed, of the Estate and Effects of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to EMILY KITLEY, a Daughter of the said deceased, the Executor named in the said Will having renounced Probate thereof; and all Creditors and other persons having any claims against the said Estate are required to send particulars thereof to the undersigned within such fourteen days as aforesaid; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. WILLIAM A. JOHNSTON, Proctor for the Administratrix, Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of BENJAMIN WILLIAMS, late of Lambton, in the State of New South Wales, Miner, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS LEWIS and RICHARD BLAKEWAY, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned; and all creditors, if any, are requested to send particulars of their claims to the undersigned within such fourteen days. BRAYE and COHEN, Proctors for the Executors, Bolton-street, Newcastle. By their Agents, ASHER, OLD, and JONES, 17 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARIE JOHANNA MATILDA WALLIS, late of Barth, Pommern, Germany, and formerly of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the unadministered Estate of the abovenamed deceased, with a translation of a certified copy of the Will annexed, may be granted to PAUL VON BURI, German Consul-General, the Attorney of WILHELM KLICKOW, German Administrator of the Estate of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. METCALFE and DANGAR, Proctors for Administration, 10 Bligh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN HALBERT, late of 77 Phillip-street, Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Civil Servant, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to FLORENCE MARY HALBERT, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. CHARLES THOMAS POOLE, Proctor for the Executrix, 108 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of ROBERT CHARLES DEANE, late of Darlinghurst, Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Bank Officer, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to HENRIETTE MARIE PAULINE DEANE, the Executrix named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, to whom Creditors are required to send particulars of their claims forthwith. DIBBS and PARKER, Proctors for the Executrix, Eldon-chambers, 92 Pitt-street, Sydney.

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A RACE FOR A CROWN.

BY W. H. WILLIAMSON.

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CHAPTER X.—Continued.

The Duke, heated with the episode, yet somewhat unwilling to start a reign with slaughter, used his horse rather than his sword. He rode down one of their attackers, and got between Thalberg and the other two. Then he managed his sword admirably. One of the men had only a stout cudgel, but the other had a sword.

The Duke handed his pistol to Thalberg.

"Use that and mount one of the horses," he said, and forthwith rode at the swordsman, who, feeling valour was useless, ran behind a tree. Probably his comrades discussed the matter with him afterwards. Thalberg, having been mauled, fired with the pistol, and the man with the cudgel dropped, with an arm to moan over.

Von Eckerheim by this time was thrusting his man through the fire, while the other, whose face the Duke had opened, was most desirous to avoid further argument.

The Duke assisted Thalberg to mount, and, seeing Von Eckerheim was free from molestation, turned his horse's head towards Runick, and soon the three men were congratulating themselves on the issue of their first encounter.

"They were Crows, you think?" asked the Duke.

"Sure," said Von Eckerheim. "The shot was followed by the assault. It is a ticklish journey, sir."

"So poor Thalberg can testify. But it is roguishly exciting."

"Devilishly so, sir," said Thalberg, with a smile, as he held a handkerchief to his head to cover a nasty wound.

"Did we accomplish much?"

"One of them that I presented with the point of my sword will want a soft couch to meditate on——"

"Now I think of it, I pricked the conscience of one," said the Duke.

"In his ribs, sir?"

"Thereabouts; and I think I lopped off the end of another's nose."

"Save him trouble! Let's hope he will have a perpetual cold and never be able to blow his nose," said Von Eckerheim.

The Duke pulled up.

"Positively," he said, "I have a mind to go back."

Thalberg pulled the handkerchief from his head.

"You are keen, sir," he said.

"We shall be taken," said Von Eckerheim, "for gentlemen of the road."

"That gave me quite an appetite," said the Duke.

"You got the appetite, sir," said Thalberg; "I got the meal."

The Duke laughed.

"I suppose we must not go out of our way to fight. But that has thirsted me."

"You may have to pull at a heavy tankard before we reach Runick, sir. These Crows will make you drink to the dregs if they can."

"We must go on," said the Duke. The excitement of the little struggle wore off, and he saw that his road was not to be altogether one of peace, however much pleasantness he might find in it.

Two men on one horse do not conduce to speed or comfort, so after going a few more miles and coming upon a respectable-looking inn, named "The Man with Three Heads," the travellers alighted. It was now night, and they ordered refreshments, and Thalberg's wound was washed and dressed, the innkeeper's wife finding much pleasure in that occupation, though, as Von Eckerheim said, he "would not ascribe that to Thalberg's beauty, for it was not sufficiently thrilling to encompass any woman's frailty."

Thalberg must not be judged entirely by his friend, who used him for the sharpening of his wits as well as for the conversation of good and ill that was afforded by their daily life, mostly spent in each other's company.

After the buying of a horse from the innkeeper, who was also a small farmer, the Duke suggested they might stay the night at the inn and proceed on their journey at daybreak.

The innkeeper's wife showed them two rooms adjacent, but not communicating, which they agreed to take. They supped downstairs, and prudently avoided remarks and phrases that might reveal the personality of the Duke or the errand they ran.

The Duke was merry and taciturn. No wonder! He rode a race for a crown and his heart was on the road behind. They were discussing possibilities of the ride, when Von Eckerheim quietly and unostentatiously said in a whisper—

"Don't look suddenly, but the man over there isn't sleeping."

"The man over there" was leaning back in a chair, with a slouch hat drawn over his face, his legs stretched out, and his arms hanging by his side. He was in an attitude suggesting the simplicity of sleep. That—to Von Eckerheim—presupposed duplicity.

"In that attitude his head should have fallen backwards," said Von Eckerheim.

"Mischief," suggested the Duke, putting his hand on his sword.

"This time," said Thalberg, "I shall not go horse buying."

"Be cautious," said Von Eckerheim, and he disappeared.

The Duke and Thalberg left alone talked as if suspicion were not, and danger would not know them. They played dice, and Thalberg mentioned a lady's eyes, which made the Duke throw carelessly and count wrongly, even to his disadvantage, for he had sent his thoughts on a mission to a blue-eyed maiden of middle height, who had long lashes and dark hair; and dice and gypsies and fighting, even a crown vanished with the running river of things which leave us for a space. He bent before her image in joy, radiant yet longing, happy yet fearing. The Duke of Rugart was romantic, and the beau cavalier.

Von Eckerheim returned.

"The devil!" he said seriously.

Thalberg nodded towards the sleeper.

Von Eckerheim spoke cautiously—

"I went upstairs. It is a black and white night, with the clouds and the moon fighting for mastery. When the moon was uppermost I saw a horse tethered to a tree, and, I think, a man squatting on the grass beside it, in the meadow to the left of the stable. Also, as I came very quietly out of our room, I heard a slight noise in the adjoining one. I fell against it, and muttered, 'Open.' Somebody inside with an anxious liver whispered—and then there was a gripping silence. So there are at least two people in that room—and one's a fool!"

"There will be consolation in the morning," said Thalberg.

The Duke wondered why.

"For the widows and orphans," said Thalberg.

The Duke almost laughed outright. If one must fight, it is choice to be associated with those who thrust with a cutting smile.

"Crows usually get shot," said the Duke.

"I have known them slit across the nose," said Thalberg.

"But I have never known them sleep like that," added Von Eckerheim, and he got up instanter, walked over to the stranger, and touched him on the elbow. The man did not move; had he been asleep he would have sat up at the touch—or be labelled a man who never wore sword.

"He sleeps soundly," said Von Eckerheim loudly, as he pushed the man more vigorously.

This time the man made much ado about waking, which was also a superfluity of achievement. He looked sleepy and yawned cavernously.

"I congratulate you, sir," said Von Eckerheim, with a bow; "you are not troubled with your conscience."

The man looked amazed.

"You sleep soundly," said Von Eckerheim.

"When nobody disturbs me," said the man; not too gruffly, not too sweetly.

"We lack your company, sir," said Von Eckerheim.

"Thank you. I lack nothing."

"Certainly not my felicitations. But we wish to make a partie carree—won't you join us? Allow me to introduce my friends. Herr Roland von Oliver" (this was Thalberg, who bowed with ancient ceremony); "the Count von Hamlet, whose manner with the sword is extraordinary" (the Duke, containing himself well, bowed with superlative gravity); "and I, sir," continued Von Eckerheim, "am sometimes called Don Dona Ferens, a sorry knight, but free in some matters, and very much at your service."

The stranger was not equal to Von Eckerheim. He slowly wondered if he were being laughed at, and decided with diffidence that at three to one he was indifferent to laughter, which needed discernment to observe.

"Mine, sir, is Velsohn," he said.

"And you will join us?"

"I fear I should sleep through the game."

"You shall choose your own game; you will not sleep, I warrant."

The man did not wear well. His face showed his agitation at Von Eckerheim's remarks. He was not sure of the motive that prompted the conversation, and that gave him a mental awkwardness.

"If you will excuse me——" he said.

"What!"

"Surely——" said the Duke.

"Sir," added Thalberg.

The man felt an abundance of annoyance. His position was embarrassing. These three men behaved with singular politeness, and his mind was not sufficiently nimble to leap with theirs. He showed his gaucherie, which was bad. He resolved on a gentle demeanour as one best calculated to serve his interests.

"Gentlemen," he said, "I thank you, but I pray you excuse me. I am tired."

"But you have just slept," said Von Eckerheim, somewhat untruthfully.

"Which shows my need of it," retorted the man.

"If you feel thirsty after drinking, sir," said Thalberg, "what manner of man are you?"

Just then there was a whistle outside, and the man was not able enough to hide its effect on him. All the four men heard it, and they all knew mischief was at the window.

Von Eckerheim grasped the hilt of the situation.

"We will have mercy," he said. "We will start the game, and if you are sleepy—you shall sleep. Before Heaven, sir, I would not miss the game for—a crown!"

"Not much, eh?" said the man.

"Enough for trouble," retorted Von Eckerheim.

"Consequently I will go to bed," said the man, "and save the trouble."

"Sir," said Thalberg, "three gentlemen desire your company to a game—and you plead sleep. It is the plea of the disobliging and the young."

The whistle had its effect on the Duke and his friends, and having one of their foes they saw wisdom in his security.

"The gentleman does not refuse," said the Duke. "He says he will go to bed; but he means to play first. The cards or the dice—which—er—Don Dona Ferens?"

The man was being swirled in a current, rising and impetuous. He lost his mental bearings, and his hesitation made him waver.

There was another whistle outside, near to the window. That added to his dubitancy.

"I have never heard a hawk cry like that before," said Von Eckerheim. "Have you?"—this to the man.

"What cry?" he said lamely.

Von Eckerheim ran to the windows—they were fastened, and the shutters were stout. He looked at the door; that also was closed securely.

The man thought he saw an opportunity.

"Good night, gentlemen," he said, and he walked towards the door that led to the stairs. But Thalberg was before him, and three swords flashed in bright unison—he was the centre of an interested triangle.

"Don't call out," said the Duke.

"Or you will sleep soundly," added Von Eckerheim.

"He will join the game at last," said Thalberg.

With an admirable dexterity, Von Eckerheim suddenly dropped his sword and clapped his handkerchief over the man's mouth. The struggle was short and by no means desperate. The man was bound and gagged.

"You will certainly see the game," said Von Eckerheim, as the victim was tied to a chair.

"The villains are outside—and inside," he said.

"Inside?"

"Yes. In this creature's room there is somebody—two people, I imagine. And now the other wretches have come. They hoped to catch us upstairs, and have probably made their arrangements for that purpose—eh, Mr. Sleeper?" Von Eckerheim turned to the man in the chair, who glared with the glare of hate.

(To be continued.)

THE LABOUR CAMPAIGN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The speech delivered by Mr. M'Gowen at the Sandringham garden party on Saturday, and reported in your issue of Monday, is so full of humorous misstatements in regard to the Labour-Socialist policy, that I cannot refrain from an attempt to expose several of the most striking ones with which he seems to have beguiled the tea-drinkers by whom he was surrounded.

One of the most refreshing portions of his speech was his advice to his audience to "look through the pages of history." This is the first time in my recollection of many years of our own history in which I have known a "Labour" representative acknowledge the use of, or even make a reference to, that branch of literature. It would be a glad day for Australia if the Labour members of its many Parliaments would embark upon such a study; for we might then have some reason to hope that they would learn the folly and futility of many of the hair-brained schemes of human regeneration which history has long since buried, but which the "Labour" members of Australia wish to resuscitate, at the expense and to the detriment of the present and succeeding generations. History is not a strong point, or even a point at all, with the Labour-Socialist party, for no man could read it in the true spirit of the student and remain a socialist. History shows that wherever socialism has been tried, either in ancient or modern times, it has signally failed, and that no country in the world that has attained to a high civilisation, or any civilisation at all, was built up on a socialist foundation.

Mr. M'Gowen used history for the purpose of referring to the Chartist movement of about 60 years ago; but he took care, apparently, not to inform his hearers what that movement sought to effect, neither did he explain how the Labour party of Australia has endeavoured, for party purposes, to neutralise those effects which he now impliedly professes to look back upon with pride, as if his party had had some part in their realisation.

The agitation for annual Parliaments, which was the first point of the Charter, was not successful in England; but the adoption of triennial ones in Australia was accomplished years before the Labour party was thought of. Universal suffrage (the second point of the Charter) has not, even to-day, been adopted in England, but it also was accomplished in Australia before the Labour party's existence. The Labour party in the Federal Parliament has since done its best to prevent the effective working of universal suffrage in Commonwealth representation; for, even after it was demonstrated that in New South Wales 160,000 protectionist voters were sending 11 members to that Parliament, whilst 360,000 freetraders were sending only 15 members, they supported Sir William Lyne's notorious jerrymandering scheme of three years ago, in the teeth of emphatic protests and appeals, and thereby ignored the principle of "one man, one vote," which they have so often and so persistently "mouthed," as if their souls depended upon its strict observance. On the occasion in question they deliberately assisted to preserve a state of things by which voters in certain parts of the senior State enjoyed three times the voting power that was being enjoyed by voters in other portions.

Vote by ballot, the third point in the Charter, was adopted in Australia long before the Labour party was heard of, and that principle, too, was in a measure ignored when Sir William Lyne was enabled to perpetuate the gross inequality in representation to which I have referred.

The abolition of a property qualification for the House of Commons (the fourth point of the Charter) was effected by the genuine Liberal party of England, the same party that has from time to time, in its advocacy of political freedom, supported redistribution schemes as inequalities were revealed. But when such an opportunity offered itself here, the Labour party, which imagines itself to espouse democracy, completely failed in loyalty to the cause, and lent itself to Sir William Lyne for party purposes.

Payment of members (the fifth point in the Charter) was adopted in Australia before the advent of the Labour party; and equal electoral districts (the sixth point in the Charter) touches again the democratic principle that the Labour party enabled Sir William Lyne to treat with contempt for party purposes.

Therefore, of the six points of the Charter, which Mr. M'Gowen paraded in safe generalisation, as if they had all been furthered by the party which he leads in this State, not one was passed in Australia in the Labour party's time, and of at least two, that party has done more than any other body of men in Australia to neutralise the principle of equal and equitable representation which underlies them.

Mr. M'Gowen is as glib as ever in his references to "the amelioration of the conditions of humanity" and "the good of humanity;" notwithstanding that it has been shown frequently that the party he leads not only does not care a brass farthing about "humanity," in the true sense of the word, but actually advocates legislative measures which, if carried into effect, would deprive a large portion of their fellow workers—who don't choose to become unionists—of a means of livelihood.

The only "humanity" cared for, according to the "Labour" policy, is that microscopic proportion of the "white" humanity that lives in Australia and agrees to become members of socialistic unions, and amenable to the methods of the caucus, by which they sink their personal freedom as citizens, and their political freedom as voters. To speak of that exclusive section as "humanity" is to distort a fine word into a meaning that neither etymology, history, nor common sense can justify.

Mr. M'Gowen reiterates this stale and untrue platitude about the poor becoming poorer and the rich becoming richer, although it has been repeatedly shown to be without facts to support it. It is surely a poor compliment to his hearers, who must nowadays be readers of newspapers, to treat them to such pabulum, even at a Sandringham garden party.

Mr. M'Gowen, like many others of his party, is never tired of holding out to the unsuccessful in life the prospect—for which there is no honest justification—of a state of things in which there shall be no more misery or want; but the general public can be trusted to treat this as what the fishermen call "burly"—something to prepare the ground for the next election. It is very easy to promise that which, in any case, the promissor will not have to pay for, and which we must believe Mr. M'Gowen knows his hearers can never realise in their time, even if the socialist dream should ever be realised. But it is surely a serious and responsible thing for the leader of a political party to do to paint attractive pictures for the unsuccessful, which he knows to be impracticable and immediately impossible, merely to draw to his party the support of a large class of people, whose votes were given them, not for personal or mercenary purposes, but to enable them to take a responsible and honest part in the government of the community, on principles just and equitable to all classes. I am, etc.,

Sydney, Dec. 5. BRUCE SMITH.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

ILLAWARRA SUBURBS SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The expediency of carrying out a scheme of sewerage for the Illawarra suburbs was further considered and evidence taken by the Public Works Committee yesterday, Mr. John Hurley presiding.

John George Griffin, alderman of the Bexley Municipality, and a member of the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, said the proposed service would be extremely advantageous, and should have been undertaken long ago. He had only heard of one ratepayer who was opposed to the scheme, and his objection was only that the people had not been consulted. Without doubt the people would be in favour of the scheme if a referendum were taken. When he announced at the Bexley Council that the Metropolitan Board of Water Supply would be the constructing party everyone said it was a most gratifying piece of information. The few persons who opposed the system at the outset withdrew their opposition on learning that the board would accept extended payments. The drainage of Bexley was in a most defective condition, and diphtheria and other sickness had arisen, which he attributed to this cause. The method of dealing with the nightsoil was also extremely offensive, and constituted a menace to the public health, but, in his opinion, the danger of burying the nightsoil had been greatly exaggerated. The septic tank system would remove these drawbacks, and if Bexley sewage were dealt with at the Rockdale outfall through the medium of septic tanks no further cause of complaint would exist. A referendum would result in a large majority of the ratepayers approving of the scheme. It was not, however, feasible to take it at the election of aldermen in February next, because, in the first place, all the councils interested would have to consent, and then, should there be no contest in any ward in that area, not 20 people could be induced to go to the poll. As a general desire existed in the borough for the sewerage, a referendum he considered entirely unnecessary. The bulk of the connections with the main drains in Bexley would cost on an average from £5 to £7, probably less, according to the nature of the cuttings.

Daniel Joseph O'Brien, Mayor of Kogarah, said his council had dealt with this question last Monday, and he had been instructed by the aldermen to come before the committee and express their satisfaction at the scheme. Medical men attributed the sickness in the neighbouring boroughs to the sewage farm at Botany. The West Kogarah drain was only objected to by the Bexley people, who complained that the effluent from the charcoal filters had occasioned a nuisance. The report that there was an offensive swamp 14ft deep in the neighbourhood of the railway station was quite an exaggeration; the place alluded to was not 14 inches in depth. No advantage would be gained by taking a referendum, or by having a public meeting to discuss the matter. It was not the general opinion that this scheme was being forced on the people. In view of the dense population of Kogarah an improved system for dealing with the sewage was an absolute necessity.

William Grantham, a Civil servant, and an alderman of Hurstville, said the proposal, as far as it went, would serve the district. At the same time a large portion of the Hurstville Municipality would be left out through not extending the limits of the service. Most of the residents would be pleased if the board would extend the drains to Gloucester-road, or even Belmore-road. On account of their death rate he considered the system desirable. At the present time Hurstville had a very high death rate. When the scheme came before his council some time ago it was objected to by most of the aldermen on account of the cost, which they had an idea would be from 15d to 18d in the £; the matter would probably be brought up again at the meeting to be held on the following night, and when it was mentioned that the cost was only going to be 11d in the £, he thought there would be a very favourable report on the scheme. In his opinion a referendum ought to be taken before the work was decided upon, and if it were he believed it would result in the adoption of the system.

William Henry Wicks, alderman of the Kogarah Municipality, said the people looked upon this system as a sanitary improvement, which they had to accept whether they liked it or not. The majority of property holders in the borough of Kogarah were poor people, who, if they were asked to undertake the expense, would go dead against it, and only consent to the alteration under compulsion.

The committee adjourned until 10.30 a.m. the following day.

A STORM AT SEA

DAMAGE TO THE OCHTERTYRE.

The Glasgow built and British owned barque Ochtertyre, which arrived at Sydney last night, after a voyage of 97 days, with a cargo of general merchandise, from London, was assailed by a violent tempest while running down the easting, and suffered considerable damage on deck. "It was on November 6, when we were in lat. 42.18 south, and long. 37.12 east," Captain Thompson said to a "Herald" representative, "that we encountered a violent gale from the south-west, accompanied by a terrific snowstorm and tremendous seas."

The vessel laboured severely in the seaway, and one gigantic wave, which broke over the starboard quarter, resulted in a lot of damage. Continuing his narrative, the weather-beaten mariner said, "That sea carried away the poop ladder, smashed the steering compass, washed the starboard lifeboat out of the chocks on to the deck, broke the panels of the cabin doors, and took everything of a movable character over the side of the ship."

"Any other damage?" the captain was asked. "No, that was all," he replied; but Mrs. Thompson, mourning the loss of one of her pets, promptly interjected. "Oh yes, there was; our poor cat was taken overboard in that terrible sea." The storm lasted for several days, and during the whole time the decks of the barque were flooded. The conditions at last moderated, and the weather remained good to port.

The Ochtertyre anchored in the explosives area in Rose Bay to discharge 140 tons of explosives which she has brought for the Navy.

THE LATE BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

A telegram from Townsville states that memorial services were to be held in all the Anglican churches in North Queensland on the day of the funeral of Bishop Stanton. Bishop Frodsham, speaking at a meeting of parishioners of Townsville on Tuesday, warmly eulogised the late Bishop. The following motion was passed, all standing:—"This meeting desires to record its sense of the lasting value of the late Bishop Stanton's work in North Queensland, and to express sympathy with the diocese of Newcastle and the relatives of the deceased Bishop." A copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the administrator of the Newcastle diocese, and to Mrs. Larte, Bishop Stanton's sister.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

General regret is expressed at the death of Bishop Stanton, who was very popular in this portion of the diocese. Upon receipt of the news in Dungog flags were hoisted half-mast at the Church of England, School of Arts, and the council-chambers.

THE A.N.A. EXHIBITION.

Many exhibits are being conveyed to the Royal Agricultural Society's Grounds daily, and deposited for display in the different courts. The exhibits from the Public schools are already very numerous; they continue to arrive from the metropolitan, suburban, and country districts; and it is now certain that it will be difficult to accommodate them in the large pavilion which has been set apart for them. They comprise a fine collection of works of utility and artistic merit, and the teachers are busily engaged fixing them in position. The building for the exhibits from the private, denominational, and Public schools will be opened on Friday, when the collections will be arranged under direction of the special committee appointed for that purpose.

On Tuesday evening Mr. H. J. Scott, the representative of the South Australian Government at the exhibition, attended a meeting of the executive committee, and was accorded a hearty welcome on behalf of the A.N.A. by the chief president (Mr. P. T. Finegan). Mr. Scott said he was gratified with the provision made for enabling him to display the South Australian exhibits to the best advantage.

Mr. H. C. Quodland, the representative of the Queensland Government, has received 40 cases of exhibits, which will be conspicuously displayed in one of the large pavilions. They include a fine display of minerals, timber, wool, cereals, and a large miscellaneous collection of Queensland preserves and foods made from indigenous products.

BABY'S AWFUL ECZEMA.

Face Like Raw Beef. Thought she Would lose Her Ear. Healed Without a Blemish.

MOTHER THANKS CUTICURA.

"My little girl had eczema very bad when she was ten months old. I thought she would lose her right ear. It had turned black, and her face was like a piece of raw meat, and very sore. It would bleed when I washed her, and I had to keep cloths on it day and night. There was not a clear spot on her face when I began using Cuticura Soap and Ointment, and now it is completely healed, without scar or blemish, which I had not hoped for.—Mrs. Rose Ether, 291 Eckford-street, Brooklyn, N.Y."—Advt.

WATER AND SEWERAGE BOARD.

ANOTHER DIFFERENCE WITH THE WORKS DEPARTMENT.

QUESTION OF DUAL CONTROL.

At the weekly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board, held yesterday, the president (Mr. T. W. Keele), in the chair, a discussion took place in regard to the action of the Works Department in reference to a proposal to drain the Berry estate, North Sydney. It came to the knowledge of the board that the department was taking some action, and they wrote asking what was being done. In reply, the department stated that a report which had been prepared in regard to the proposed drainage was only of a preliminary nature, but that a scheme was being prepared, and when completed full information would be furnished to the board.

The Engineer-in-Chief to the board (Mr. J. M. Smail) furnished a report in regard to the matter, which stated that the question of extending the sewerage system should be for the board to deal with, as main works had been completed. As to sewerage facilities for the Berry estate, the financial aspect of the question must be taken into account, and the board was the proper authority to take action. He could not understand the proposal of the Works Department to deal with this district, in view of the recent action of the Minister for Works in transferring the carrying out of water and sewerage works in the metropolitan area to the board. The surveying staff had been increased to cope with additional work, and if the Works Department was to continue operating in connection with works in the metropolitan area, it would be perpetuating the dual system, which had not been found by the board to be conducive to economy. He recommended that the Under-Secretary be informed that when this part of the metropolitan area had developed sufficiently to justify the board providing sewerage facilities, the work would be taken in hand by the board, and double expense of surveys, etc., be saved.

The President said the action of the Works Department in this matter was perfectly astonishing. It was thoroughly understood that extensions similar to the one now under discussion should be carried out by the board. This was an exactly similar case to those of Drummoyne and the Illawarra district. There was no doubt that this meant double expense in surveys and the preparation of schemes. The board was given to understand that they would in future carry out extensions of that kind, and in view of that they had got a full staff of surveyors. If this was to be allowed to go on either the board's staff or that of the department should be done away with. It was a matter that ought to be determined.

Alderman Evan Jones: We have got it on record that we ought to do the work.

The Chairman said they had it on record that they were to carry out the Rockdale and Illawarra schemes, but he was afraid they had no definite information from the department that they intended to hand over all works of the kind to the board.

Alderman Griffin: But we understood it was so.

The President: Certainly. We understood that we were to take over the Illawarra, Drummoyne, and other works. I think the department should be requested to suspend all work in connection with the Berry estate until this matter is settled.

Alderman Henley said he understood the department was to carry out works which had been initiated, but that as far as new works were concerned the board was to be made the constructing authority under the new bill. He considered that as they were getting these works under their control they should hesitate about taking any action which might have the effect of driving them back.

After further discussion it was decided to adopt the engineer's report, and forward a copy of it to the department.

WHITE'S CREEK STORM-WATER CHANNEL.

Situated between Annandale and Leichhardt, White's Creek storm-water channel has long been a source of annoyance and trouble to residents in the vicinity. The question of taking over control of a portion which is situated between two portions already under the control of the Water and Sewerage Board, was duly considered, and answered in the affirmative by the board; and at their meeting yesterday they decided to carry out improvements there at an estimated expenditure of £700.

The board's engineer reported that the existing channel at the head of White's Creek was not capable of carrying off storm-waters during heavy rainfalls, and his proposal, which was adopted, is to enlarge the existing channel, and to repair that portion where the banks were high.

FINANCES OF CAMPERDOWN.

THE COUNCIL AND THE RECEIVER.

At a meeting of the Camperdown Council on Tuesday evening Alderman Anderson moved:—

1. "That a special meeting of the council be called on a date to be decided, to inquire into the financial position of the borough." 2. "That a full statement of the whole of the borough's liabilities and assets be prepared by the council clerk and presented at the special meeting." 3. "That all vouchers which have accumulated since the last meeting of the finance committee, together with a full statement of all moneys paid during that period, be laid upon the table at the special meeting."

Alderman Anderson said he thought it was time the council knew more about the finances of the borough than it did. He had no doubt everything was all right, but no alderman knew what was being done, and that was not as it should be. The finance committee had a right to meet and pass all vouchers, instead of that the receiver attended to all the business. It was their duty as aldermen, empowered to look after the ratepayers' interests, to inquire into these matters, and this had not been done for some time past.

Alderman G. H. Sparkes seconded the resolution. He agreed with what Alderman Anderson had said, but he went further, and asserted that the receiver had not treated the council properly. Certainly the receiver could veto any decision of the council, but the aldermen were entitled to know about everything that went on. Without the consent of the Master in Equity, a deputy receiver had come into power, and the council were practically treated as nonentities. The receiver might be acting in accordance with what he justly believed to be the best interest of all parties concerned. No doubt he was, but the council should be in possession of facts to that effect, and not be subjected to the treatment that had been meted out to it by the receiver.

After further discussion the motion was carried.

"PUNCH ANNUAL."

We have received from the publishers the "Punch Annual," a special issue for 1905. It is produced in up-to-date style, and contains many interesting features which place the publication in the front rank among colonial annuals. The principal feature is a full page illustration, entitled "Outdoor Femininity, or Summer in the South," by Percy Spence, and hits off in a fanciful way the various recreations which Australian girls indulge in during the summer season. A page is devoted to subjects typical of the approaching Christmas season, and among other illustrations are "An All-white Australia," "A Bush Pioneer," "The Fern 'Fairies,'" and "A Maori Maid."

A TORPID LIVER RADICALLY CURED.

THE CASE OF MRS. A. M. DONNELLY.

(By a Sydney Reporter.)

Mrs. A. M. Donnelly, of 41 Ultimo-street, Ultimo, says:—"Fifteen years ago, when I was nothing but a wreck, owing to successive attacks of typhoid and erysipelas, and I could hardly crawl about, I was advised to try Clements Tonic, and what a good thing for me it turned out to be. I was so languid I really could not see what I was living for; nothing but gloom and wretchedness on every hand. When I got any sleep at all it was always of a troubled nature; hideous dreams increased my nervousness. The heaviness and pain in my chest affected my breathing. I had pains under the blades of my shoulders; indeed, the agony was so great I thought my lungs were affected."

"But you were mistaken?"

"Yes, it was my liver really that caused the trouble, and Clements Tonic that made me healthy and strong again. Ah, I thank Clements Tonic from my heart that it came to my rescue, otherwise I must have died. Each night my sleep became more regular and soothing, and at the end of each week there was always an improvement. In a short time my pains had disappeared, and for all these years I have had perfect health and strength. This story should prove a good index to others, so you may publish it in any way you like."

STATUTORY DECLARATION.

I, ANNIE MARGARET DONNELLY, of No. 41 Ultimo-street, Ultimo, in the State of New South Wales, Commonwealth of Australia, do solemnly and sincerely declare that I have carefully read the annexed document, and that it contains and is a true and faithful account of my illness and cure by Clements Tonic, and also contains my full permission to publish in any way my statements, which I give voluntarily, without receiving any payment, and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true, and by virtue of the provisions of the Oaths Act, 1900.

Annie M'Donnelly

Subscribed and declared at Sydney this third day of September, one thousand nine hundred and four, before me,
FRED. JNO. DUNN, J.P.—Advt.

NEW ZEALAND ELECTIONS

INDEPENDENT LIBERALISM.

SEDDONISM ON ITS FIFTH TRIAL.

THE CLAIMS OF MINISTERS.

PROSPECTS OF THE FUTURE.

WELLINGTON, Dec. 2.

There is no doubt that Ministers claim an absolute monopoly of all the virtues. To hear Mr. Seddon and his colleagues talk one might easily imagine that they are directly responsible for every blade of grass that grows, for every ray of sunshine, and every beneficent shower of rain since the beginning of the year of our Lord 1891. It might almost be thought that the eight men comprising the Cabinet have milked the cows and packed the butter (except, of course, that which is sent home for wicked adulteration purposes); that they have tilled the soil and planted the crops (excepting, again, as a matter of course, the blighted potatoes); that they have controlled the markets of the world, and kept up the price of wool and butter and flax and cheese. Indeed, when Mr. Seddon gets on to one of his wild paeans of praise, any innocent and unsuspecting person, ignorant of the Premier and his idiosyncracies, might become almost persuaded to the belief that from the moment the Liberals stepped into office in January of 1891 the cows began to give more milk, the bot fly ceased to annoy the horse, the burglar desisted from burgling, the very birds in the trees sang sweeter, and man and nature joined in one triumphant song of gratitude and jubilation.

But "facts are chiels that winna ding." The truth is that when the Liberals were returned to power the Administration under the late Sir Harry Atkinson had just completed the thankless task of setting the political house in order, of straightening out the tangle which the extravagance of the former Liberals, led by the late Sir Julius Vogel, had created. When the Atkinson Government took over the reins in 1887 it had to do an unpopular thing—it had to retrench. And just when the country was beginning to see the folly of its past career, and the wisdom of its then Government—just as the unpopularity which is inseparable from a policy of retrenchment was abating—just at this moment, simultaneously with the triennial elections, came the maritime strike. That put the Liberals into office, because the trades unionists got a bad set-back over the strike, and the only salve that offered was the ballot-box, and, as it happened, that was ready to hand.

So the Ballance-Seddon-Ward combination began business with a clean slate—a slate that had been washed by the Atkinson Administration. And they started with a strong labour backing, for the trades unionists were smarting under the discomfiture caused by the collapse and failure of the strike, while employers and the general public cried aloud at the loss and dislocation of business involved in such methods of settling industrial differences. This is what gave birth to Mr. Reeves's Arbitration Act. As has been said before, this measure is yet on its trial. It has yet to be shown that it can withstand the vicissitudes of hard times. All that can be said in its favour is that it provides a more or less convenient tribunal before which master and man may appear, and which is authorised to allot terms and conditions of labour and employment. What has helped the measure to prove an apparent success is the fact that the prices of our main products have been high in the markets of the old world; but even the success of the Act is not so real as they who do not investigate closely may imagine. The fact is that no laws in this world can make twenty-one shillings in the pound, and similarly, all the ingenuity of Parliament cannot alter the economic fact that wages must be governed by their value to employers. If it is not getting too far off the political track, a rather striking illustration of this contention may be given. It is a commonly but erroneously accepted idea that where the Arbitration Court comes across a trade or calling in which the workers are not receiving what is termed "a living wage" all that has to be done is to make an award ordering that so much more shall be paid. The argument is that all the employer has then to do—if under previous conditions he has been paying as much as circumstances would seem to warrant—is to put up his prices. In a great variety of trades and businesses, it must be readily admitted, this has been done. The Court has raised the wages, and the employer his prices, and the extra cost has fallen on the consumer—who is, broadly-speaking, the wage-earner. This appears very like taking money out of one pocket and putting it into another; but still it gives the Court an appearance of power in the direction of raising wages. It may be of little real value, but it looks well.

There are instances, however, where the Arbitration Court is unable even to pretend to be able to govern economic conditions. Here is an illustration. It is, perhaps, an isolated case, but it proves, in rather a striking manner, the absolute limitations of the power of the Court (and, of course, of the Act). A few weeks ago the Cabmen's Union of Wellington brought the cab proprietors before the Court, demanding increased wages. The justice of the demand can hardly be questioned, for it was shown in evidence that long hours and poor returns were the rule. One unhappy witness said he had worked a hundred hours in one week for 45s! (This is a pretty pass after fifteen years of paternal Liberal Government.) But let us hear the employer. He told the Court that the installation of electric tramways in Wellington (which carry scores of thousands every day) had ruined the cab business, and consequently to pay more than the present rate of wages would mean to cease operations altogether. Now, what can the Arbitration Court do in such a case as this? At the present moment it is considering its award—and the "cabbies" are continuing to work day and night for a couple of pounds, or a little more, per week; while a six-roomed cottage costs about 25s a week, when you can get one, and potatoes are 8d a pound.

The dissertation on the Arbitration Act has been brought into this letter because the Government led by Mr. Seddon, which is now for the fifth time before the country asking for reappointment, was elected in the first instance by Labour, and because the Arbitration Act is the cardinal feature of all the Labour legislation put on the statute book by the present Government. Since the passing of that Act the cost of living has steadily but surely risen, and now, after the measure has been in operation for eleven years, the Government is before the country, and a very large proportion of the Labour element is "agin the Government." Why? Has not the Government done all that was asked, or very nearly all, in the way of legislating for the workers? It has. But it has built up, owing to its numerical strength, a system of administration which is decidedly autocratic. The Premier has openly stated that electorates which do not return supporters of the Government will not be considered—or will be considered with decided disfavour—when the loaves and fishes are served out.

It is not contended by anybody that New Zealand has not made wonderful progress under the Liberal Government of the past decade and a half. This country is so bountifully endowed by nature, and is occupied by such able and industrious people, that it must go ahead under any Administration. It must also be admitted that much of the legislation passed by the Seddon Government is of a beneficial character, and has encouraged our industries. But it is worse than foolish—it is manifestly unfair—for Ministers to claim, as they do, the whole credit for what has been done by the people of the country, and to declare, by inference, that if it were not for their far-seeing statesmanship and intense patriotism New Zealand would be struggling hopelessly in a veritable Slough of Despond. Sir Joseph Ward, speaking in the South the other day, quoted statistics to show how the country had boomed during the last 10 years. Our exports, he said (a single item will be sufficient for the purposes of this argument, to show the unfairness of the claims of Ministers) had risen during the past decade from £9,085,148 to £14,633,272—an increase of £5,548,124. Very well. Now let us see how the exports fared under the last term of the wicked Conservatives' reign. Let us glance at the official Year Book. From 1887 to 1890, when, as stated above, the public expenditure was restricted, when retrenchment was in force, when the Liberals were in Opposition, the producers were able to export as follows:—

1887	£6,551,081
1890	9,428,761
Increase	£2,877,680

Thus, if we are to accept Sir Joseph's own line of reasoning—if a Government is to be judged in part by the value of the produce exported—it is clear that whereas during the last 10 years, with all the wonderful advantages of Liberal government, our exports have advanced by a little over half a million per annum, under the Administration which the Liberals replaced the exports were bounding ahead at the rate of nearly a million sterling yearly. But this is not all—there is worse to come. The very first year of the Liberals' Administration, our exports fell by nearly £28,000, and this decline continued until by 1895 the exports had fallen by over a million pounds in value, as compared with the amount during the last year of the Atkinson Government. Let the Year Book speak again:—

1890—Conservatives	£9,428,761
1891—Liberals	9,400,094
1892—Liberals	9,365,868
1893—Liberals	8,557,443
1894—Liberals	9,085,148
1895—Liberals	8,390,153

Thus, it is proven that during the first five years, after the Liberals took office, our exports tumbled away to the tune of £1,038,608. This, of course, does not establish an unanswerable impeachment of the Liberal Government, according to the dictates of common sense, but it does according to the line of argument adopted by Sir Joseph Ward.

There can be no question that Mr. Seddon and his colleagues will be returned to power next Wednesday. Mr. Massey has not the faintest hope of getting a majority—it is questionable whether his party as at present constituted ever will. There is, however, some prospect of Mr. Seddon's majority being whittled down somewhat. Out of the 205 candidates for 76 seats, 65 declare themselves to be independent. How they will get on at the polls remains to be seen, but there are not lacking altogether indications that the day of the Independent Liberal is coming.

THE CITY COUNCIL.

THE LORD MAYOR'S ALLOWANCE.

A special meeting of the City Council was held last evening, the Lord Mayor, Alderman Allen Taylor, presiding.

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Alderman Meagher moved that the Lord Mayor's allowance for 1906 be the same as for the current year, namely, £1000.

An amendment was moved by Alderman English to the effect that the allowance be abolished, and a further amendment was moved by Alderman Lawrence that the allowance be £500. Alderman English's amendment was ruled out of order, and the other amendment was negatived by 13 votes to 5, the minority being Aldermen Clarke, English, Fitzgerald, Lawrence, and M'Ivor. The original motion by Alderman Meagher was agreed to.

REFUSE DESTRUCTOR.

The council then considered a recommendation of the general purposes committee of August 10, 1905, to accept a tender for the erection of a garbage destructor, and a motion moved (council, September 12, 1905) by Alderman Lawrence, seconded by Alderman Evan Jones, "That the tender of Messrs. J. Baker be accepted," upon which council decided that the matter stand over for further information as to the working of the Baker destructor.

The Lord Mayor explained the information which had been obtained from Calcutta and elsewhere in respect to the working of the Baker destructor. The matter involved an expenditure of £12,400, and the contractors offered to make a guarantee in any form the council wished; moreover, they had agreed to allow half of the amount of the contract to remain until the full completion of the term mentioned in the maintenance clause.

The council then went into committee to consider the matter, and on resuming it was agreed to refer it to the city surveyor for definite report upon receipt of further information respecting the working of the destructor in Calcutta.

The council then adjourned.

THE CARDINAL AT NAREMBURN.

OPENING A BAZAAR.

Yesterday afternoon Cardinal Moran visited Naremburn for the purpose of opening a bazaar in connection with St. John's School Church, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to reducing the debt upon the building. He was accompanied by Monsignor O'Haran, the Revs. G. Kelly, S.J., J. Brennan, S.J., J. Roney, S.J., E. Masterson, S.J., and T. Carroll, S.J.

The Rev. Father Kelly, in thanking the Cardinal for attending, mentioned that the land was originally secured by the Sisters of St. Joseph for £50, who erected the school church, at a cost of £770. During the past two years a sum of £270 had been subscribed, leaving the present debt of £500 on church and land. It was hoped that the bazaar would result in a still further reduction.

Cardinal Moran, who had a very hearty reception, expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present to open the bazaar. He congratulated the friends of the church on the establishment of this additional educational medium. It seemed to him only the other day that he laid the foundation-stone of the building, and he rejoiced to find that it had grown to its present proportions. He trusted that it would prove a source of blessing to the district, and become the centre of piety and religion. Through the efforts of the good Sisters, its first object was the instruction of the children of the district, so that they might become good and worthy citizens of Australia, and members of the Holy Church. From such humble institutions sprang much good, for they imparted to the youthful mind an education in which religion played a conspicuous part. But the parents must assist the Sisters in their work, so that they might enjoy to the full the blessings of peace and happiness. There were, he said, no more devoted Sisters than those of St. Joseph. This was recognised in all parts of Australia. Their signal services in the cause of education and religion were appreciated in all the large States of the Commonwealth, and now they were taking to Western Australia the blessings of their teaching. He formally declared hte bazaar open, and wished it every success.

The Cardinal then made an inspection of the numerous tastefully decorated stalls.

MILITARY.

A church parade was held at St. Thomas' Anglican Church, North Sydney, on Sunday last, at which 35 officers, n.c.o's., and gunners of the Australian Garrison Artillery, and 95 officers, n.c.o'., and men of the St. George's Rifles attended. The band of the latter regiment assisted in the musical portion of the service, which was conducted by the rector, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Chaseling.

AN INFANT'S DEATH.

VERDICT OF MURDER.

The inquest was resumed yesterday before Mr. A. N. Barnett, City Coroner, on the body of the newly-born infant which was found on November 27 in Victoria Park.

Mary Ann Wilkinson, a widow, and mother of the child, was present in the court.

Evidence taken at the commencement of the inquest was read over. Mrs. Wilkinson did not desire to ask any questions.

Mary Spowers, a married woman, residing at the next house to Mrs. Wilkinson, deposed that on the 23rd ultimo she heard certain sounds in Mrs. Wilkinson's kitchen, and shortly afterwards a baby cried. Witness found that the child had been born, and offered to procure assistance for the mother, who, however, would not accept it. Witness did what she could for the mother previous to returning to her own house.

Senior-sergeant Matthews (Newtown station) deposed that he visited the residence of Mrs. Wilkinson at St. Peters on November 28 in company with another officer. On being questioned Mrs. Wilkinson eventually admitted that she was the mother of a child, which had subsequently died, and whose body she had left in the Domain. She told witness that the child commenced to cry, and as she did not want her son-in-law to hear it she carried it, wrapped in a blanket, to the yard, where she fell. Witness afterwards conveyed Mrs. Wilkinson to the South Sydney Women's Hospital. Yesterday morning he charged her at the Newtown Police Court with feloniously and maliciously murdering her infant at St. Peters on or about November 23. Mrs. Wilkinson made no reply to the charge.

Mrs. Wilkinson made a statement to the effect that when she went into the yard with the child she fell. The child gave a gasp and died.

Dr. W. C. M'Clelland, who had attended Mrs. Wilkinson at the hospital, said, in answer to the Coroner, that he did not think that the fact that the infant was unattended and shortly after its birth carried into the open air wrapped in a blanket would cause asphyxia. After hearing Dr. Palmer's evidence, and excluding external violence and drowning, smothering or suffocation only would cause asphyxia.

The Coroner found that the child was born on November 23, and that the mother immediately after its birth wilfully refused to send for such assistance or aid as was necessary for its proper care and treatment, and that she wilfully refused to allow the same to be procured. And also that she subsequently took the child, while it was alive, wrapped in a blanket, and went into the yard of her house. The child's death was brought about by asphyxia, caused either by the wilful or malicious neglect of the mother, or by some act of hers. He found a prima facie case of murder, and committed her for trial at the next Central Criminal Court on March 12.

CHARITABLE INSTITUTIONS.

SYDNEY MEDICAL MISSION.

The annual meeting of the Sydney Medical Mission was held on Tuesday afternoon, in the Y.W.C.A. Hall, Sir Philip Sydney Jones presided, and, like other speakers, spoke in hearty appreciation of the work of the mission. The annual report contained the following figures from the doctor's report:—Visits paid to the homes of 634 patients, 2164; attendances at dispensary of 2186 patients, 5998; operations requiring the administration of a general anaesthetic, 7; total number of patients treated, 2186. The receipts for the year were £370, and there is a balance in hand to commence the new year.

If you wake in the morning with a bitter taste in the mouth and coated tongue, perhaps headache, you need Carter's Little Liver Pills. In 1½d. But be sure they are Carter's.—Advt.

The "Mail" well illustrates by snapshots and a group photograph Lord Jersey's visit to the North Sydney bowling green.—Advt.

LAW REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

A TRAM CAR ACCIDENT.

Borman v Railway Commissioners.

Mr. James and Mr. O'Reilly, instructed by Messrs. Wallace and Son, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Reid, K.C., and Mr. C. B. Stephen, instructed by Mr. J. S. Cargill (Solicitor to the Railway Commissioners), for the defendants. This was an action brought by Anne Borman against the Railway Commissioners to recover compensation for personal injuries sustained by her, owing, as she alleged, to the negligence of their servants in the management of a tram. A statement of the plaintiff's case has already been given. Damages were laid at £750.

The defendants pleaded not guilty, and brought further evidence to prove that plaintiff never really entered the car, but that in endeavouring to get hold of the side she missed and fell, striking her head on the wood blocks. Mr. Norman Selfe, civil engineer, gave evidence that in the position described by the plaintiff and her witnesses it was impossible for a sudden jerk of the tram to throw a passenger out, as the impetus would simply be backward.

The jury returned a verdict for the plaintiff with damages £140.

THE DARLING HARBOUR RESUMPTIONS.

CLAIM FOR RENT.

Harbour Trust Commissioners v Warburton.

Mr. C. B. Stephen and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. J. V. Tillett (Crown Solicitor), appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Lamb and Mr. Pickburn, instructed by Mr. F. Y. Wilson, for the defendant. This was an action brought by the plaintiffs against Charles George Warburton, to recover the sum of £268 15s 4d, representing four months rent from April 1 to July 31, 1905 of the southern half of Russell's wharf, Darling Harbour, at £66 13s 4d per month, payable in advance, and £2 2s survey fee, in connection with the lease of the premises. The case stated on behalf of the plaintiffs was as follows:—The land in question became vested in them by resumption in 1900, and power was given to lease. In September, 1903, they entered into negotiations with defendant, who is a coal merchant, for the lease by him of a portion of Russell's wharf, Darling Harbour, and upon plaintiffs undertaking to make some little improvement in the wharf, defendant accepted a lease for a period of five years, at a rental of £800 per annum, payable in advance, at the rate of £66 13s 4d. Defendant under this arrangement entered into possession, and paid rent regularly up to April, 1904. The lease was sent to him, but he did not execute it.

Plaintiffs, however, contended that there was a clear agreement, and as defendant entered into possession and paid rent in accordance with the agreement, that was sufficient. The agreement was proved by the correspondence, and, that being so, it was not open to the defendant to take advantage of the fact that no lease was signed, and the plaintiffs could still claim, on the second count of the declaration, for use and occupation of the wharf. Defendant apparently claimed some consideration in regard to the wharfage rates which had been imposed, but that was a matter quite apart from the present claim, and must be decided altogether outside the rent payable.

The defendant paid £162 7s 5d into court on the count for use and occupation, as sufficient to satisfy the plaintiffs' claim, and he pleaded never indebted as to the residue. The point was taken on his behalf that there was no lease or agreement for a lease. There were certain terms and conditions under which the plaintiffs undertook to give the lease, and one was either that the amount of rent was to be reduced by the amount of wharfage, or that wharfage was not to be charged at all. If defendant had to pay wharfage rates the premises were not worth anything like £800 per annum. It was also contended that the plaintiffs could only lease the wharf after public tender.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen and a jury of four.)

ACTION FOR ALLEGED SLANDER.

Mattheson v Priestly.

Mr. Flannery, instructed by Messrs. Logan and Carlton, of West Maitland (by their agents, Messrs. Sly and Russell), appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Shand and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. C. M. Boyce (agent for Mr. L. O. Martin, of Taree), for the defendant. This was an action brought by Thomas Mattheson, grazier, of Nabiac, against Charles Priestly to recover £1000 for alleged slander. His case was that in August, 1904, he bought four steers, which had been sold at Nabiac, about 70 miles from Dungog, by an auctioneer, on behalf of defendant. On May 27 of the following year plaintiff sold, at Dungog, a number of cattle, including those purchased from defendant, and defendant upon receiving a communication from a relative came to Dungog, and told Sergeant Preston that no steers of his were sold to plaintiff at Nabiac, as he (plaintiff) was at the Manning when the sale took place, and that he was positive that he had not sold a beast to Mattheson in his life. Sergeant Preston thereupon sent for plaintiff, who tried to recall the circumstance of the sale to the defendant, but the latter persisted in his statement, and plaintiff was arrested on suspicion of cattle stealing, and was released on bail till the following day. In the meantime defendant and Preston went after the cattle which had been sold, and at an hotel where they called en route defendant told some men that he never sold the steers to plaintiff. When the cattle were overtaken defendant identified a mottled-faced steer as one which he had lost, but had never sold to the plaintiff. Eventually the auctioneer was communicated with, and as a result of the information furnished by him the charge against plaintiff was withdrawn by the defendant.

It was admitted by Mr. Shand that the steers in question were purchased by the plaintiff in the manner stated by him, but that defendant had made a mistake bona fide and without malice. It was also contended that the statement to the police sergeant was privileged, and defendant denied plaintiff's version of what was stated at the hotel.

The case stands part heard.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and a jury of four.)

ACTION FOR ALLEGED BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Khyat v Mathieson.

Mr. Bruce Smith, K.C., and Dr. Brissenden, instructed by Mr. L. L. Cohen, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. Allen, Allen, and Hemsley, for the defendant. This was an action brought by Habib Abraham Khyat, trading as H. A. Khyat and Co., against Peter Mathieson for alleged breach of contract for the purchase by the defendant of certain goods at the price of £238 15s 3d, to be paid at 60 days from date of delivery, less 5 per cent. discount. From the case stated on behalf of the plaintiff it appeared that he carried on business in Sydney and Melbourne as a manufacturer of clothing, and defendant was in business here, and dealt principally in hairdressers' requisites, also tobacco, pipes, etc., usually sold in connection with that particular trade. Some months before the contract with defendant the plaintiff embarked upon the importation of fancy goods such as hairdressers required, but was considering the propriety of giving up that branch of his business and disposing of the goods which were in Melbourne. He accordingly sent a traveller to Sydney with samples, and he saw defendant, and on behalf of his principal entered into negotiations with him for the sale of the goods in question. Eventually a contract was entered into by the defendant after seeing a quantity of the samples for the purchase from the plaintiff of the goods for the sum of £238 15s 3d. Subsequently, however, he sent a communication to the plaintiff to stop delivery of the goods, as he wanted some further details as to the cost price stated by plaintiff, etc. The latter assured him that he had furnished him with all material particulars when the contract was signed, and defendant went away apparently satisfied, but as he repeatedly requested that the shipment should be delayed plaintiff came to the conclusion that defendant was trying to get out of the contract. He thereupon sent the goods to Sydney in performance of the contract, but defendant refused to accept delivery. Under these circumstances plaintiff brought the present action, having a right to do so by law, notwithstanding that the 60 days mentioned in the contract had not expired.

The defendant pleaded, among other things, that the plaintiff falsely represented that the goods were fresh and up-to-date, as he had been in that particular business only a few months, whereas he had carried it on for years; that he falsely represented that he was selling to defendant at 10 per cent. less than cost price, and that within a reasonable time after discovering the misrepresentation and before deriving any benefit from the contract he repudiated it, as he was justified in doing.

The case stands part heard.

NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen.)

A CONTRACT OF PURCHASE.

ACTION FOR RETURN OF DEPOSIT.

Davey v Richardson and Wrench, Ltd.

Mr. Mitchell, instructed by Mr. Edgar Lucas, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Piddington and Mr. Sheppard, instructed by Messrs. Deane and Deane, for the defendants. This was an action brought by Eliza Matilda Davey against Richardson and Wrench, Ltd., to recover the sum of £225, being amount paid by plaintiff to the defendants as a deposit on the proposed purchase by her of a property in Campbell-street on the 20th April, 1904.

Mr. Piddington applied for a nonsuit, and argument on the point had not concluded when the Court adjourned.

EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge in Equity.)

THE WENTWORTH HOTEL.

A FRIENDLY SUIT.

Maclurcan v Wigham and others.

Mr. Langer Owen, instructed by Mr. Mark Mitchell, appeared for the plaintiff, Mrs. Hannah Maclurcan, widow, carrying on business at the Wentworth Hotel, Church Hill; and Mr. Harvey, instructed by Mr. Alfred Mitchell, for the defendants, Gertrude Wigham, Jane Wigham, Evelyn Clara Maclurcan, and Charles Dansu Maclurcan. The first two defendants are children of plaintiff by a former marriage, and have attained the age of 21; the other two are children by the second marriage, and aged 18½ and 17 respectively.

The statement of claim set out that plaintiff was married in 1886 to Donald S. B. Maclurcan (since deceased), and from the date of her marriage she had carried on the business of hotel-keeper at various places, the licenses of which stood in her husband's name, in consequence of her inability as a married woman to hold the same. Plaintiff carried on and managed the business without financial or other assistance from her husband. Plaintiff had also published a cookery book, which had achieved considerable success. With money earned in the hotel business, and from the sale of her book, and other sources, plaintiff, in April, 1903, obtained a lease of the Wentworth Hotel, and out of her money, and money advanced under a bill of sale, she purchased furniture and stock for the hotel. This bill of sale, which was over the property and stock-in-trade, was given in the name of plaintiff's husband, but he had no interest in the hotel or assets. Up to the time of his death, on June 1, 1903, he had always admitted that the business belonged solely to the plaintiff. Plaintiff now charged that the lease, license, goodwill, furniture, stock, and profits of the Wentworth Hotel formed no part of her husband's estate, and were not subject to the trusts of his will, but belonged to her. The lessor of the hotel was willing to accept plaintiff as tenant, and to release her husband's estate from all liability, and the holders of the bill of sale were likewise willing to release his estate. Plaintiff claimed that it might be declared that she was entitled to the lease, license, goodwill, and profits of the hotel, and to the stock and furniture belonging thereto; that in the alternative the plaintiff might be at liberty to purchase the same at a valuation.

No evidence was tendered for the defence, but Mr. Harvey cited a number of authorities for his Honor's guidance.

His Honor said the difficulty was to decide whether the case came under the provisions of the Married Women's Property Act as a business carried on separately, and in regard to two of the tests laid down, plaintiff's contention that it was a separate business failed. He was satisfied that the husband acted as her trustee, and that on the principles of equity the property was the plaintiff's. Under the circumstances, he would make the declaration asked in the first paragraph of her claim.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

Applications were granted for the dissolution of Renard and Co., Ltd., the Australian Trust Management Assurance and Investment Company, the Bathurst Prospecting and Exploring Company, Ltd., and The Club, Limited.

ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Judge Heydon, President, Messrs. J. P. Wright and E. Riley.)

THE TUG BOAT INDUSTRY.

Ferry Employees' Union v J. and A. Brown.

The hearing of the industrial dispute between the Sydney and Manly Ferry Employees' Union, claimant, and Messrs. James and Alexander Brown, respondents, was continued. Mr. Richard Croft (of Croft and Co., legal representatives), acting under the seal of the union, and Mr. H. A. Mitchell, secretary of the Sydney and Manly Ferry Employees' Union, appeared for the claimant union; and Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Stephen, Jaques, and Stephen, for the respondents.

H. A. Mitchell continued his evidence. He submitted a proposal in regard to 60 hours a week, in which it was suggested that the men employed on outside boats should work as far as possible four hours on and four hours off. If the men were employed about the ship when it was their watch below, this time should be counted in the 60 hours a week, and, when men were called up to do anything for the safety of the ship, it should not be charged against the 60 hours, provided that they were allowed to go below again immediately the work was finished. The men asked for two Sundays off in each month.

Robert Smith, a deck hand on the Commodore tug, said he turned to at 5 a.m. the first day and finished at 6 p.m. He received his orders at Messrs. Brown's office. These hours were kept up for three days. On the fourth day he began as usual, and was kept continually going until 11 o'clock at night, doing all sorts of sailing work. At 3 o'clock the following morning (Sunday) he was on duty until 5 o'clock in the afternoon. The tug was out looking for vessels, but none was sighted, and, as a matter of fact, he could have taken that day at the wharf. They went to Newcastle next day (Eight Hours' Day), and he was engaged trimming coal on the way up. He was not now in the tug service, and would not go back to it, as it was the "most miserable job he had ever been in."

To Mr. Riley: He did not remember receiving anything extra for the trimming he did on the way to Newcastle.

Horace Alexander Smith, assistant actuary in the Government Statistician's office, gave evidence to show that there had been no depreciation in the shipping trade during the last four years. The deep-sea sailing vessels that entered New South Wales in 1904 numbered 586, with a total of 649,876 tons. Of this class of vessels there were 644 clearances in 1904, and the tonnage was 714,430. In the same year the total number of vessels that entered and cleared was 1230, and the tonnage 1,364,306. Of these, 60.45 per cent. were British, and 39.55 per cent. foreign.

His Honor: Do we understand the rate of tonnage is 6d per ton?

Mr. Broomfield: Yes, your Honor. That is inwards and outwards.

His Honor said there was very little tugging when he was a boy.

Mr. Broomfield: Big ships do not sail in and out. Some might take the risk, but it is a very silly thing to do.

Alfred Carter, assistant secretary of the Seaman's Union, explained how tug-boat hands were harassed, and said the fireman's work was about the hardest of any industry.

His Honor: It's a pity we cannot have all the industries before us at once. Every industry that comes before us is described to be the hardest. The carpenters said theirs was the hardest.

The secretary said he had desired to show the difference between firing and coal-lumping.

Witness explained some of the hardships to which firemen were subjected. He said he had helped to organise the tug-boat hands to improve their conditions. He had known the tug-boats to be sent out scouting when the men were about to hold their quarterly meeting. He would not say that this was wilfully done, but it had happened on more than one occasion.

Richard Hodges, A.B., gave evidence as to the general conditions on board tugs on which he had served as mate and in other capacities.

This closed the claimants' case, and evidence for the respondents was then submitted.

R. R. Hogue, manager for Messrs. J. and A. Brown, explained the process of removal of vessels from points about the harbours at Newcastle and Sydney. The business, he said, was not so profitable as some people imagined. Removals at Newcastle were done at flood tide. Business had been slack for some time past, and for the next few months there was no chance of improvement. Sailing vessels were dropping out of the trade of the world.

The President: Then the sailer is doomed?

Witness: Yes, doomed. This rule applied all over the world excepting in the United States, where a new class of rapid sailing schooner was being built. Steam was, however, steadily supplanting the sailing vessel everywhere.

To Mr. Broomfield He had not experienced any difficulty in obtaining labour. There were men ready to be employed at all times. The quarters were small in some vessels but not unhealthy, if kept clean. It was absolutely untrue that the tugboats had been sent out to prevent men attending their meetings. It was the first he had heard of it. He did not believe that the hands worked more than 60 hours a week. They were more frequently under that than over it. He saw no necessity whatever for this proposal being submitted by the claimant union. He then explained the rates of pay on the boats. The proposal to have some Sundays off would interfere with the industry, for the reason that vessels came in on Sundays just the same as other days. Newcastle was a dangerous port to enter in bad weather, and the tug power had to be kept available. Sometimes it took three tugs to bring in a vessel. Ships had to go to sea on Sundays the same as on other days.

The Court having raised the question of a provision to cover the slack season, the witness stated that he would consider the matter over night, and make some suggestion to the Court on the following day.

To Mr. Croft: He had been out on the tug boats scores of times. It was years since the Co-operative Tug Company existed. He believed this company ceased to exist about the year 1870. In those days the tugs went out only a few miles, which was very different from now when trade had to be competed for. There was a time when the towage rate was 8d per ton—2d higher than now. If there was no competition the rate could be raised to 8d per ton again, but such a rate might have the effect of driving the trade away. An advance to 7d per ton would influence shipowners in determining the destination of vessels.

The case stands part heard.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS.

Re Robert Scarlett. No appearance for bankrupt. Adjourned to March 7.

Re James Dennis. Adjourned to February 15.

Re Knud Peter Petersen. No appearance for bankrupt, and no answer to the official assignee's report to hand. Adjourned to December 15.

SINGLE MEETINGS AND EXAMINATIONS.

Re Thomas Gilmore. Adjourned at bankrupt's request to December 18.

Re James Duncan. Bankrupt, who had been a pony trainer, further examined by the official assignee, said he had never had any interest in any horse or pony in his stable. When he said on November 15 that the pony racing clubs often entered his ponies without his authority, the remark did not refer to the Kensington Club, which had never done so. Rosebery Park Club had not done it for some time, and the Epping Race Club had not done it lately. As the creditors did not wish to examine, the meeting was closed, and the public examination declared concluded.

Re Moses Cohen and Minnie Cohen. It was stated that the firstnamed bankrupt had been convicted and sentenced to four years' imprisonment, for fraudulent conspiracy. His public examination was adjourned sine die.

Re William Mitchell. Bankrupt was further examined, after which his public examination was declared concluded.

SECTION 30 EXAMINATION.

Re James Buckley. Bankrupt was examined on behalf of the official assignee.

LAND APPEAL COURT.

(Before Messrs. H. A. G. Curry (President), C. Brandis and W. Houston (Commissioners.)

In the matter of a reference for decision in respect of Edmund Clear's additional homestead selection application, Corowa, Mr. Davies for the Crown, Mr. G. H. Pike for the applicant, the question being as to whether the land applied for, having been proclaimed to be set apart as a special area under section 18, Crown Lands Act of 1889, was available for additional homestead selection. The Court answered the question in the affirmative.

Re James Cooney, appeal against the disallowance of his additional conditional purchase application, Grafton. The appeal was sustained.

Re the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Ltd. Appeal against the recommendation of the Balranald South Land Board in respect of their application for a lease within Poon Boon holding, No. 4, Central Division. The appeal was withdrawn.

The executors and trustees of the estate of the late James O'Hare appealed against the decision of the Bombala Land Board in respect of a claim by M'Kay Brothers for contribution of erection of rabbit-proof fence, and of fence made rabbit-proof on the boundaries of Wollondibby holding, and certain freehold portions, Parish of Wollondibby and annual lease No. 9541, County of Wellesley. As according to the board's report, the parties had come to a settlement, the Court treated the appeal as having been withdrawn.

In the matter of a reference from the Grafton Land Board for direction in respect of J. E. J. Pearson's additional homestead selection application, the land, though in homestead selection area, had not been specially set apart under section 4 C.L.A.A. Act of 1903, for additional homestead selection. The Court gave judgment that the fact that the land had not been notified under section 4 of the act of 1903 as available for additional homestead selection did not render the land not available for additional homestead selection.

A reference was made by the Minister for Lands for appraisement of the value of the land comprised in the Perpetual Trustee Company's special purchase, Inverell. The land board appraised the value at £3 15s per acre, and Mr. Licensed Surveyor Adams at £5 per acre, without improvements. The Court sustained the reference, and by consent determined the value of the land at £5 per acre.

Re B. W. Erratt, appeal against the direction of Gunnedah Land Board in respect of Allan M'Beth McGregor's original conditional purchase application, his conditional lease application, and against the disallowance of his additional selection application. The three appeals were by consent taken together. The applicant holds 890 acres, and applied for two additional blocks, 145 and 146, each of 900 acres in the parish of Boggabri. Block 145 had been allowed to McGregor, an original applicant, but the argument in the case turned on the question whether, leaving McGregor undisturbed, the appellant should not obtain block 146. The board was evidently guided by the evidence of the surveyor, who, however, admitted that wheat-growing in the district was attended with risk. Part of the land is red-soil country, and this is the best adapted for wheat growing, but there is a proportion of other land indicating mixed farming as the safe enterprise. The Court sustained the appeal in so far that it directed the board to rehear the appellant's application, and any applications that conflicted with it so far as block 146 is concerned, and to allot that block to the appellant should no objection be found to exist further than the present appeals disclose.

J. W. Carlow appealed against the finding of the Moss Vale Land Board in respect of his original conditional purchase. The appeal was withdrawn.

E. H. Braithwate appealed against the appraised value of Crown improvements (tank) on his additional homestead selection, Parkes. The appeal was dismissed.

Re E. Skinner, appeal against the decision of the Parkes Land Board in respect of his claim for contribution from A. Mazoudier towards the cost of erecting rabbit-proof fence on the boundary common to their respective holdings. The case was remitted to the board for rehearing and further evidence on which to decide the appeal.

The Minister for Lands made a reference for the determination of the capital value of the land comprised in P. J. Wright's additional conditional purchase, Tenterfield. The Court dismissed the reference.

The Minister also referred to the Court for the determination of the capital value of the land comprised in G. G. Park's additional conditional purchase, Armidale. The reference was also dismissed.

The Grenfell Land Board referred to the Court for direction in respect of Katherine Annie Donkin's conditional lease application, Forbes. Mrs. K. A. Donkin, a married woman, not living apart or judicially separated from her husband, had applied for a conditional lease by virtue of a freehold block of 1060 acres, which she apparently acquired since her marriage. Sections 3 and 30 of the Act of 1903 apply to the case, and it appeared to the Court that under the latter section Mrs. Donkin, as the holder of a freehold, was not in any better position than she would be as the holder of a conditional purchase. Taking section 47 of the Act of 1889 and section 17 of the Act of 1903, and having regard to the decision of the Court in Walker v Te Kloot and Costello v Hall, and the decision of the Supreme Court in these cases, the Court held that Mrs. Donkin was not entitled to make the subject application for a conditional purchase.

Re the Armidale Land Board, reference for decision in respect of J. A. Warner's additional conditional lease application. The Court directed that the land be made available for Warner's application.

S. L. Schwager appealed against the disallowance of his additional conditional purchase application, and against the disallowance of his additional conditional lease application, Narrabri. The case was remitted to the land board for further evidence.

DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Murray.)

BREACH v CAMPBELL.

Captain Mark Breach, marine surveyor, of Mosman, sued John Arthur Campbell, of Mosman, for the recovery of £10 13s 6d, alleged to be due in respect of a month's rent, and repairs of a house leased by plaintiff to defendant. Defendant pleaded that plaintiff had said that he would not hold him to any notice to leave, as he had been a good tenant.

Mr. A. Thomson, instructed by Messrs. Marshall and Marks, appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. G. H. Wilson, instructed by Mr. G. A. Raves, for the defendant.

His Honor gave a verdict for the full amount.

QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before his Honor Judge Docker.)

Mr. Herbert Harris prosecuted for the Crown.

ACQUITTED.

George Brown, 25, and Arthur Edward Snowden, 21, pleaded not guilty to an indictment charging them with having on November 2 last, at Newtown, maliciously wounded Albert Schofield. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the accused. According to the case for the Crown, the prosecutor, the accused, and other men were drinking in an hotel at Newtown on the evening of the 2nd ult. There was a disturbance, and the prosecutor went outside. It was alleged that Snowden followed and hit him on the head with some weapon resembling half a horseshoe, and that the other accused threw a bottle at the prosecutor, which, however, missed him. The prosecutor admitted that he had been under the influence of liquor. Both the accused gave evidence denying the assault as alleged. Snowden said that the prosecutor struck him first, and in falling he cut his head.

The jury found both accused not guilty, and they were discharged.

ALLEGED SHOOTING.

Frasca Rosario pleaded not guilty to a charge of having on October 27, at North Sydney, maliciously shot at Arthur Mohring, with intent. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for the accused. This was an unusual case, inasmuch as the person alleged to have been shot at was not called, he being a fireman on a steamer which had left the State. The accused kept a fruit shop at North Sydney, and on the night of the date named, about 11 o'clock, a number of sailors tried to get into the shop. One of the shutters was broken. The accused went outside with a revolver, and it was alleged, according to the opinion of two constables, that the accused fired the revolver at Mohring. The defence was that the shot was fired in the air to attract the attention of the police, as the sailors were making a disturbance.

The jury acquitted the accused, and he was discharged.

ALLEGED FALSE PRETENCES.

Walter John Moulton was charged with having on September 2, at Sydney, falsely pretended to Minnie Constance Paine that one Sydney James Kirby had made demand upon him, the said Walter John Moulton, for the payment by the said Walter John Moulton before 3 o'clock in the afternoon of September 4 of the sum of £9, by means of which false pretences, the said Walter John Moulton obtained from Minnie Constance Paine certain money, to wit the sum of £9, the property of the said Minnie Constance Paine, with intent to defraud. The accused pleaded not guilty, and was defended by Mr. E. R. Abigail. The defence was that the money was a loan, negotiated for the purpose of assisting to start a business by the accused and the prosecutor's husband, who were in partnership, and that it was purely a business transaction.

The jury found the accused not guilty, and he was discharged.

SENTENCES.

Thomas Martin, who had been found guilty of larceny, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

Edward Whitehead, who had been found guilty of assault and robbery, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

Walter Wilson, convicted of assault and robbery at Bondi on September 30, was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude, and to five years for larceny, sentences to be concurrent.

LAW NOTICES.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7.

SUPREME COURT.

Cause List.—Banco Court, St. James'-road: Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners v Warburton (part heard; same v Jones and another; Johnson v Bank of New South Wales. No. 1 Jury Court, King-street: Matheson v Priestley (part heard). Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend No. 1 Jury Court to-day need not attend until 2 p.m., and then attend in No. 3 Jury Court. The jurors engaged in the part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m. No. 1 Jury Court list to be taken in No. 3 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Khyat v Mathieson (part heard); at 2 p.m.: Darrell v the Knowles Automobile and Motor Power Co., Ltd. No. 2 Jury Court list to be taken in No. 4 Jury Court.—At 10 a.m.: Davey v Richardson and Wrench, Ltd. (part heard); at 2 p.m.: Spreckley v Gannon; Marshall's Co-operative Breweries Ltd. v Wilson; Mooney v Kilkelly. Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend No. 2 Jury Court to-day need not attend until 2 p.m., and then attend in No. 4 Jury Court.

Prothonotary's Office.—Before the Prothonotary: In re Gent, one, etc., ex parte A. J. Knowles, 11 a.m.; in re Gent, one, etc., ex parte Hagerbaum and another, 2.15 p.m.; Ryan v Ryan, 2.15 p.m.

Before the Deputy Registrar (High Court of Australia).—Tindal v Calman, 11 a.m.

In the Supreme Court of New South Wales.—Wednesday, the 6th day of December, A.D. 1905. The Full Court will sit, as of the fourth term, on Friday, the 8th day of December, instant, at the hour of ten of the clock in the forenoon, to deliver judgment in the following cases:—Rex v John Stocks; Ex parte Louisa Shussler (mandamus); Macintosh and another v Dun and others; and to hear the Crown cases of Rex v Thomas Arndell, and Rex v Francis Thomas Jones. Fredk. M. Darley, C.J.; Wm. Owen, J.; H. E. Cohen, J.

In Divorce.—Before Mr. Justice Walker, in No. 2 Jury Court.—At 10.30, Nicoll v Nicoll.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 11.30 a.m., motions generally: Barker v Barker, motion for injunction; Bibe v O'Donnell, motion to continue injunction; Stephenson v Richards, motion to continue injunction; Borough of Parramatta v Powell, summons to appoint receiver; Wm. Crampton and C. and L. of P. Act, petition for sale; P. Woodford, deceased, and C. and L. of P. Act, petition for sale; P. Healey, deceased, and Trustee Act, motion for payment out; Ferguson v Ferguson, originating summons; Bundock, E. O., deceased, and Perpetual Trustee Co. Act, motion for consent to appoint trustee company; Burley, E. M., deceased, and C. and L. of P. Act, petition to appoint new trustee and for sale; Thomas Gough, deceased, and Conveyancing Act, petition for power to sell; Hannan v Abbott, motion for decree; Osborne v Savage, originating summons; re trust of R. S. Sheldon and Trustee Act, petition for payment out; Willcox v Robertson, originating summons; Mackay v Mackay, originating summons; Brown v Hogan, originating summons; Wm. Guise, deceased, re will of, petition for sale; Bank of N.S.W. v Browne, originating summons; Headley, M., deceased, and Conveyancing Act, motion to dispense with service.

Note.—Only those matters in which the parties are ready to proceed will be taken.

Before the Master in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Graham v Graham, to consider report on title. At 2 p.m.: Henderson v Holland, to proceed.

Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Borough of Parramatta v Hughes, to tax costs. At 12 noon: Minister for Works and Christ Church church lands, to tax costs. At 2 p.m.: Minister for Works and Christ Church rectory lands, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before Deputy Registrar.—To pass accounts: Michael Coen, 10; Frederick Charles Denny, 10.30; James Samuel Staff, 11; Casper Hergenhan, 11.30; Hon. John Thomas Toohey, 12.

In Lunacy.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity, at 10 a.m.—Lunacy matters. Before the Chief Clerk, at 10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—General inquiries and maintenance matters.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing: In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Sydney and Manly Ferry Employees' Union, industrial union of employees, claimant, and John and Alexander Brown, respondents, part heard.

Before the Registrar.—At 10.30 a.m.—For Decision: Re Sawmill award, appeal to Registrar under clause 10 of award. At 11 a.m.: Sydney and Suburban Carcase Butchers Carters' Union v the Carcase Butchers' Association, to settle issues. At 11.30: The Wire Mattress Makers' Union v Goodearl Bros., Hooker and Co., to settle issues. At 12 noon: Wool and Basil Workers' Association v the New South Wales Woolscouring and Fellmongering Employers' Association, to settle issues.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Murray.—At 10 a.m.: Hodges v Lovatt (part heard), Heness v Smith, Wood v Ireland, Smith v Excelsior Club, Limited.

Note.—The list will be called over punctually at 10 a.m.

Before the Registrar in No. 2 Court.—Fitzgerald v Munro, at 10.30 a.m.; Saber v Wild, at 10.45 a.m.; Whitfield v Kellar, at 11 a.m.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

Peter Wright, assault and robbery; Bernard Faber, David Wise, and Arthur Peterson, assault; Alfred Scott, inflicting grievous bodily harm.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE INQUIRIES.

Before the Collector (Mr. N. Lockyer), at 10 a.m.—Customs cases: R. D. Brasch, Fuller Carrying Company, Ltd, agents, misdescription of goods. Excise cases: F. Tozer, unlawful removal of cigars from a cigar factory; Charlie Sil Lee Gee, selling tobacco leaf to persons not registered as manufacturers or dealers.

POLICE COURTS.

SELLING LIQUOR ON SUNDAY.

A HEAVY FINE.

At the Water Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, S.M., Inspector Sherwood proceeded against Catherine Fisher, licensee of the Union Hotel, Margaret-street, for having sold liquor on Sunday, November 26, on her licensed premises. It was stated that when the police entered there were some 30 people present, most of whom were under the influence of liquor. A fine of £10 was imposed, with 6s costs, or in default one month's imprisonment.

ANNOYING PICNICKERS.

Before Mr. W. M. Macfarlane, S.M., yesterday, at the Water Summons Court, Inspector Mitchell proceeded against George Smith for having played a game known as "heading them" to the annoyance of people at Clontarf. It was stated that the defendant was with 150 others, and was within 50 or 60 yards of many picnickers. A fine of £2 was inflicted, with 3s 6d costs, or one month's imprisonment, with hard labour.

At the same Court, George Spilsbury and Percy Clabell were each fined 20s and costs, or in default three days' gaol, for playing "heading them" in Kell's-lane, Sydney.

A SHIPMASTER FINED.

At the Water Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., Captain Marcus Osborne, master of the steamship Kyarra, was fined £1 and costs for having failed to defend the hawsers by which his vessel was moored with metal discs.

STEALING A KEG OF BUTTER.

At the Central Police Court yesterday Charles Derrick, alias Sylvester Roach, alias King Roach, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labour on a charge of stealing a box containing 56lb of butter the property of the Coastal Farmers' Co-operative Company, Limited, on November 28.

For assaulting Constable Thomas Joseph Lynch the same accused, who has a long list of convictions recorded against him, was sentenced to an additional three months' imprisonment.

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COUNTRY NEWS.

THE UNION LABEL.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

The A.M.A. last night held a general meeting at the Trades Hall, at which it was decided to forward a resolution to the Prime Minister, and also to the leader of the Federal Labour party to the effect that the association strongly approves of the proposal in the Trade Marks Bill to extend to the union trade marks the same protection already accorded to the trade marks of the employing classes, and viewing with indignation the attitude of Mr. G. H. Reid and the Federal Opposition, who, "while insisting on legal protection to employers' trade marks, desire to leave the workers' trade marks at the mercy of pirates and fraudulent imitators."

RAILWAY EXTENSION.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

A trial survey of the proposed railway from Narromine to Tomingley has been completed. Mr. Hutchinson, chief railway engineer, arrived yesterday, and inspected the country along the route, arriving at Peak Hill this afternoon. The line will probably be surveyed from Tomingley to Parkes via Peak Hill.

INDUSTRY IN THE MOUNTAINS.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

Work at the Piper's Flat collieries continues much as usual, the Ivanhoe being fully employed in meeting the demands of the cement works.

THE HOSPITALS.

MOLONG, Tuesday.

At a meeting last night in connection with the local hospital the refusal of the Colonial Secretary to pay a subsidy on more than £190 of the amount collected on Hospital Saturday was severely commented on. It was decided to again communicate with the department upon the matter.

PEAK HILL, Wednesday.

An inquiry was held on Monday concerning certain complaints made by an ex-patient of the hospital regarding the treatment he received while an inmate of the institution. The charges were denied in toto by the hospital staff.

THANKSGIVING FOR RAIN.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

To-day was observed by the Protestant denominations of Dungog and district as a day of thanksgiving for rain. Large crowds attended the services in the various churches. During the day all the business places were closed. The day was strictly observed as a Sunday.

THE CHURCHES.

BRAIDWOOD, Wednesday.

A bazaar to raise funds for building a new convent was opened this afternoon in the Literary Institute Hall. The late Archdeacon D'Arcy left £300 to the building fund, besides £250 to St. Bede's Church.

MENANGLE, Wednesday.

To-day Mrs. James Macarthur Onslow, accompanied by Colonel Macarthur Onslow and Captain William Macarthur Onslow, of the Queen's Lancers, opened a fancy fair at Cawdor in aid of St. Jerome's Church.

The Rev. E. N. Wilton, B.A., rector of St. Thomas', Mulgoa, preached at St. John's, Camden, and St. James's, Menangle, and is acting as annual Scripture examiner in the schools in the Camden parish.

YASS, Wednesday.

The ladies of St. Clement's Sewing Guild presented a handsome communion cloth, which was used for the first time at a confirmation service held to-day by Bishop Barlow.

ARMIDALE, Wednesday.

An exhibition of work from the various Public schools throughout the Armidale district was opened in the local School of Arts on Friday last by Mr. Inspector Thomas. The exhibits were the work of teachers and pupils, and filled the hall. The more striking of them have been culled out to be forwarded to Sydney for the exhibition of the Australian Natives' Association.

COLLARENDABRI, Wednesday.

A petition from the local Progress Association has been successful in having the railway terminus at Merrywinbone made on the north side of Thalaba Creek.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The local council has accepted a tender of 15s per week for leasing the municipal baths, the erection of which is nearing completion. The conditions provide that during certain hours on two days in the week the baths will be free to school children.

SINGLETON, Tuesday.

Deep regret was expressed here to-day on receipt of the news of the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Stanton. He was well known and well liked here, and his visits to Singleton greatly stimulated the Church workers, and infused new life and progress into the parish.

TENTERFIELD, Wednesday.

A very old resident in the person of Mrs. M. Reid, mother of Messrs. J. H. and W. Reid, of this town, died yesterday evening at the age of 91 years.

THE ABATTOIRS.

At a meeting of the Carcase Butchers' Association, held at the rooms of the Employers' Federation, the contemplated transfer of the control of the Glebe Island Abattoirs and the proposed removal of them was discussed. The feeling expressed was decidedly opposed to any removal to Homebush. The meeting favoured keeping the abattoirs where they are, rather than that they should be removed to the vicinity of the present cattle saleyards, as it was pointed out that that locality was low, and peculiarly infected with flies, and not calculated to assist in the preservation of the meat after killing. It was decided that action should be taken and the Premier written to, asking that he would receive a deputation in order that the views of the carcase butchers on the question might be placed before him, before the terms of the transfer of control were decided upon.

THE CHURCHES.

GARDEN FETE AT WAVERLEY.

The extensive grounds of Edina, Waverley, the residence of Mr. E. Vickery, M.L.C., were thrown open yesterday afternoon for the purpose of a fete and sale of work in aid of the Waverley Methodist Church. Mr. Joseph Vickery, secretary of the church trust, made an appeal on behalf of the church debt. Mrs. Vickery declared the fete open. Exhibitions of dumb-bell and sash drills were given by boys and girls. A maypole dance was also executed. During the afternoon two motor cars conveyed passengers on frequent short trips. Stalls containing useful and fancy articles were picturesquely disposed about the grounds, and various sideshows were in progress.

TRADES AND LABOUR

The fourth annual celebration in connection with the Hairdressers and Wigmakers' Union was held in the Trades Hall last night. It took the form of a smoke concert, and with a numerous attendance, an excellent programme, and refreshments, the celebration proved an unqualified success. Among those who contributed to the programme were Miss V. Kennedy, Messrs. W. Edwards, R. Smallwood, F. Shaw, Hart, J. P. Lang, A. Craig, G. M'Ivor, T. Jasper, Flenaddy, B. Geak, G. Ware, J. L. Waters, E. A. Murray, C. J. Boulais, M. Hare, M'Namara, Cruickshank, R. Armstrong, A. Robbins, Paine, and Vaudo the Great.

That feeling, so prevalent in the hot weather, which makes men tired of life and work, is becoming more common every year. Many attribute this to the climate; and, in fact, the climate is responsible—very slightly, however. If you feel weary and lack energy, you may rest assured that your blood is thin, weak, and impure; if it were rich and pure it would impart vitality and energy to every nerve and organ in the body, and the whole system would be robust and healthy. When the system is run down from weakness of the blood, you become tired and worn-out and you are only able to do a very slight amount of work without feeling great fatigue. You have a constant desire to lie down, and at the end of the day feel utterly worn-out and dispirited. You may, by force of will, overcome that worn-out feeling for a time, but this course acts on the nerves, and results eventually in "nervous prostration;" the blood only becomes impure when the stomach, liver, and bowels are not in good working order, and the digestion is poor. The liver fails to perform its functions in cleansing the blood, and the system becomes "run down." Bile Beans are the best remedy for complaints of this sort. They enable the stomach to do its work quickly and thoroughly, help the liver to help itself, and do away with Constipation and Indigestion. Rich blood is the result, and with a stream of red, pure blood flowing through your veins, you will be free from disease, and lack of energy will be a thing of the past. For a general toning up of the system, there is nothing like Bile Beans for Biliousness. They put things in order, so that Nature can do her work, which is all that is required. Bile Beans are sold generally at 1s 1½d, or 2s 9d large box (contains three times the quantity of 1s 1½d size). Remember, their greatest cures are effected when all else has failed.—Advt.

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The Gentlemen of the Choir are requested to attend the MEMORIAL SERVICE in the Cathedral at 3 o'clock TO-DAY, if they conveniently can.

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L. A. B. STUART and CO. will henceforth carry on business at the above address, who will pay and discharge all debts and liabilities owing by, and receive all moneys payable to, the said late firm.
Dated at Sydney this 6th day of December, 1905.
L. A. B. STUART.
W. H. BALLARD.
Witness to both signatures—H. W. Y. DEANE, Solicitor, 33 Rowe-street.

TO HOTELKEEPERS.—Hotelkeepers are hereby warned that in order to obtain the full benefit of the compensation provisions of the New Liquor Bill it is necessary to have their Leases or Agreements for Leases of their Premises Stamped and Registered forthwith.
Leases or Agreements executed prior to 13th day of December, 1904, must be STAMPED before the 13th instant, and REGISTERED before the 31st instant. Leases executed after the 13th day of December, 1904, must be STAMPED within the period within which they may be lawfully stamped WITHOUT FINE, and REGISTERED before the 31st instant.

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At a meeting of RETAIL TOBACCONISTS, held at the Queen's Hall, Sydney, on the 23rd NOVEMBER, the formation of a DISTRIBUTING COMPANY, was decided upon, and those present unanimously agreed to take up Shares, and upon the requisite number of Shares being applied for the Company will be registered, and distributing operations immediately started. Capital, £5000 in 1000 Shares of £5 each, payable £2 on application, and £3 on allotment.
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LOST POLICY.
It is the intention of the Society on or after the 15th day of January next, to issue a Special Policy in place of Policy No. 108885, on the life of C. J. SPRATT, which is declared to have been destroyed. Dated at Sydney this 6th day of December, 1905.
ROBERT B. CAMERON, Secretary.

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Dated at Sydney this 6th day of December, 1905,
V. H. BAXTER,
Resident Secretary.

THE BUSINESS of DIMOND and CO., Marble Merchants, Liverpool-street, lately under my management, has been purchased by me, and is now being conducted in my own name.
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FARM AND STATION.

NEW SOUTH WALES WHEAT CROP. 1905.

IN THE SOUTH-WESTERN COUNTRY.

EARLY CROPS GOOD, LATE CROPS WEAK.

THE COOLAMON DISTRICT.

(BY OUR SPECIAL COMMISSIONER.)

At the end of a most variable and uncertain season, throughout which the hopes of the wheat growers have been alternately raised and dashed, the actual outcome is still very difficult to determine. In almost all seasons the first week in December sees the weather thoroughly settled, the strippers roaring through the wheat, and the farmers gaining knowledge of their prospects every day. Only the latest of the crops, as a rule, are in a transition stage, and the yield of the great bulk of the wheat may be nearly guessed by those who are on the spot and can examine the heads. True to its character, however, the season is still undecided, and calm, warm weather is no sooner established than the temperature falls, light showers and scattered thunderstorms come simultaneously, and there is a snap back to the chill days of early spring. Fortunately there have been no windstorms to add their blusterous violence to the other odd conditions, and the wheat has been served rather than injured by the cool changes. The early crops are ripening slowly, and while a few hot days would bring large areas in the west and south to the stripping point much of the grain is still improving as it hardens. In the north stripping, which began a fortnight back, and was delayed by rain, will soon be the common order, and the harvest will be half-finished before some of the wheat in Riverina is thoroughly ripe.

GOING SOUTH.

The crops seen from the train as it passes over the southern tablelands are very backward and ill-grown. Beyond Murrumburrah rabbits have eaten large patches right out of several paddocks, while in others the wheat is straggling, and bears a very unpromising appearance. What can be seen in the good district of Wallendbeen, nearer Cootamundra, is better, but this part of the country had a very trying November, and the crops all over suffered very severely. I met two farmers on the Cootamundra railway station, who said that their expectations had fallen considerably of late. One said he had been thoroughly confident that he would get 2800 bags of wheat, but he would be now well satisfied with 1600. It will be gathered that the approach by rail to the great southern wheat belt, which is not fairly entered until the tablelands are cleared, is not very promising; but it should be remembered that the areas passed through are not very extensive, and the yield from these does not largely influence the average for the State.

The Junee farmers had a very fine prospect earlier in the year, but while a few heavy crops are seen it is plain that the record harvest which was anticipated is not at hand. The district, however, is in far better form than it was at this period of last year, and the wheat average will certainly be much higher than that in 1904-5. The crops mostly look good for 10 to 14 bushels, and the average may be 12. Running along the Hay line to the south-west one rarely sees a fine striking crop before Coolamon is approached, and this year there is no exception to the rule. The crops are light, grass has evidently monopolised much of the land, and there is much wild oats and other weeds to be reckoned with. The best crop seen will go under 16 bushels to the acre, unless long-continued cold weather results in remarkably heavy heads. Again, it must be said that these areas are small, and that they lie, so to speak, on the fringe of the belt which embraces some half-million acres of the wheat lands of the State.

THE SOUND DISTRICT OF COOLAMON.

Coolamon and Temora may be said to be the most important centres of the south-western wheat country. The south-west is in a sense apart from any of the very large wheat-growing areas. It is hardly in Riverina, and it does not touch any other important district, unless it can be said that there is a connection between Coolamon and Wagga, which are 25 miles apart. Temora is served with communication by the railroad from Cootamundra, which now runs on to Wyalong, while Coolamon is brought into touch with the metropolis by the Hay branch from Junee. Between the two centres lies a journey of 45 miles, mainly through wheat country, and each is surrounded by good land, much of which is occupied by farmers. Beyond Coolamon, on the Hay line, are Ganmain and Grong Grong, all good agricultural country, and then comes Narrandera, which may be said to represent the limit of the safe wheat country on the west. This year all these districts are splendidly grassed; indeed bush fires are the chief dread of the settlers at the present time. Within the country described as the south-west there is probably 300,000 acres under wheat this year. The general situation throughout this area may be summed up in the statement that the early crops are very promising, and the late very doubtful. Some of the late crops cannot give a respectable yield under any circumstances. Put in late, when the ground was wet, the wheat has been choked out by grass, and though the November rains helped a great deal, there is no body of straw to make a yield. The early crops, on the other hand, are mostly thick and well headed, and the grain promises to be a good sample. The length of straw is very uneven this year. Some crops are "over the fence," and others, which will probably yield as well as the tallest, are only 2ft high.

FARM PRACTICE IN WHEAT DISTRICTS.

One does not see very extensive stretches of land under wheat about Coolamon, but the cultivated areas occur frequently, with gaps of pasture in between. Here, as in all our wheat districts, the visitor is struck by the immense proportion of land which is not cultivated. It is, of course, absolutely essential settlers in this class of country should devote a considerable area to sheep and other stock, since he who depends too much on a single crop is apt to sustain a reverse from which his fortunes may not recover. All the same, it is very evident that there is room for enormous expansion in the area under wheat on the land that is now occupied by farmers. As for the areas held on improvement and other leases, and the enormous freeholds which embrace wheat land, these mark the wide gaps between the settlements, and keep down the revenue of the railways and the volume of production from the soil. Still they represent an order of things which, in earlier days, made occupation possible, and until the plan of occupation changes as the old order in using the land has changed, they will remain. Another feature which is very striking is the tendency of settlers to rely on old land full of wild oats to swell their acreage under wheat, rather than to clear and break up new soil. No doubt the crippling effect of 1902 has had much to do in prompting men to sow land in any condition, and chance it, hoping for a recovery from a large area. In 1903 every acre was fairly clear, and fit to produce wheat, because of the rehabilitating effect of seasons in which there was hardly any growth. Since then, however, conditions have been nearly normal, and the losses through slapping in land that is dirty and wheat-sick are this year apparent in the appearance of the crops. In the most carefully-farmed districts, however, the farmers are beginning to realise that season in and season out it pays to sow only such land as is really fit to yield a profit in an average year. Every year the practice of fallowing old paddocks and the application of superphosphates to all land that has been cropped is becoming more general. About Coolamon there are some well-kept, rabbit-proof fenced farms, and nearly every farmer uses the seed drill and superphosphates. This is the period at which the representatives of the manures' firms book orders for next season, and a lot of business has been done in Coolamon this week. The day is coming when the majority of the wheat farmers will sow only land that is in first-class condition, and I believe that more thorough cultivation will become the rule. A system of ploughing the land one year, and simply using the cultivator the following season, has been coming into vogue, but the rank growth of grass in the unploughed fields this year has made many farmers recognise that a well-turned sod, cut out at a fair depth, is, after all, the basis of sound cultivation. The country is good, and when full justice is done to it by a universal system of thorough cultivation, bare fallow, and the application of commercial plant foods, it will undoubtedly respond with much higher average yields than are now gained.

CROPS ABOUT COOLAMON.

Some farmers in this district, and others about Ganmain, say that the crops do not yield grain in accordance with the promise before harvest, and there is always a strong feeling in favour of cutting heavy growths for hay. A lot of hay is now being stacked on the Coolamon farms, while at Ganmain a very large proportion of the crop will go to market in the form of chaff. Between three and four tons per acre have been taken off some small areas this year, and one Coolamon farmer is said to have harvested about 50 tons from 14 acres, for which he realised over £200. Some of the best of the wheat crops will probably go seven bags or 30 bushels to the acre, while an average of five bags is expected by numbers of farmers with areas up to 500 acres. Probably the district will be good for 15 or 16 bushels all round. Mr. S. Stinson, of North Berry Jerry, told me his crop looked good for five bags all over, while others in the same district should have about the same. At Currawarna the crops are not quite so good, but there is a fair prospect of 16 to 18 bushels. One of the finest pieces of wheat out here is a paddock of some 270 acres on Burgess Hill, one of the properties of the Mangelsdorf family, about 11 miles from Coolamon. The wheat in this paddock is a great height; it has stooled out well, and is very heavily headed.

The Mangelsdorfs are a notable family in this district. They farm three places, and their properties are well improved, Burgess Hill being well fenced, while the buildings are all substantial and eminently useful. Mr. Ted Mangelsdorf stands at the head of a stalwart family of 14. He is about 6ft 4in in height, and several of his brothers extend to well over 6ft. All are active, and most accomplished in farm work, and their management is sound and successful. The physical characteristics of the race in these inland districts have long robbed the title of "cornstalks" of its application to the natives of New South Wales. Long they certainly are, but they are deep-chested and stout-limbed. In many districts families such as the Mangelsdorfs of Coolamon stand at the head of many able-bodied young fellows, whose muscles have developed in bush and farm work, and whose constitutions have been built up as they grew in the bright, healthy air of a superb climate. Another great family of 16 is the Rhall family, of the Young district. The men are 3ft, and from 13st to 24st in weight, and the women in proportion. The Mangelsdorfs are of German and the Rhalls of Irish descent.

It is perhaps a little inappropriate that a note on these Australian men of stature should come under a heading relating to the Coolamon crops, but they are, at least, products of the country, and Coolamon is very proud of its Mangelsdorfs. Some fine crops are seen on Mr. Maloney's and Mr. Krone's farms, some four miles out past Mr. H. Aylett's 120-acre orchard; while Mr. Crouch has a fine lot of wheat in another direction.

THE TOWN OF COOLAMON.

The farmers are fairly well served with a convenient railway station, besides the wide road which forms the main street of the town. There is a large grain shed, the ends of which are now being closed in with corrugated iron. There is a long yard, which while it is rather narrow, provides space in which to turn large teams. At present the yard, like that of nearly every principal railway station in the wheat districts, holds several brightly painted harvesters. This continuous introduction of costly new machinery is a further indication of the value of these immense wheat districts to industrial production and trade, and to the revenue of the country. Many farmers who have had opportunities of purchasing the cheap machines offered by the American Trust this year have remained true to Australian industries, and one sees Australian-made machines going out of the railway yards every day. It is greatly feared by some farmers that if the trust succeeds in killing out the local factories the producers generally will be called upon to make up the losses which the combine is now suffering in its efforts to kill Australian competition. Nearly every farmer hopes to increase his area, and all look forward to purchasing more machines. Therefore, while they realise that they have paid very dearly in the past, they are nervous lest the future may hold still higher prices.

Coolamon is a prosperous little place, and its townspeople are very united and public-spirited. They have erected a School of Arts, the members of which have a library, reading-room, card-room, and billiard-room at their disposal. The annual agricultural festival here takes the form of a ploughing match, so there is no showground. Of late the townspeople have established a very pretty sports and recreation ground on the reserve, and a fine grandstand, with rooms below, has been finished and opened. There is a banked and graded cycling track, and the place is altogether a credit to the honorary body of management.

THE NEW IMMIGRANTS.

That the Agent-General's Office has succeeded in inducing a number of men with capital to come to New South Wales can only be regarded with satisfaction. They are only a few, but apparently they are immigrants of the right type, and their coming is significant of many things. The capital that these men possess naturally made them hard birds to attract. They had many other alternatives. They might have remained in England, or they might have been drawn by the bright fields for British immigrants pictured by agents from Canada. Or they might even have been expected to hesitate about treading the gang-way on to a steamer bound for a country which is so often declared "out of fashion." Doubtless most of Australia's settlement has been in a sense accidental. A census of the men who have come from the old world would show that the great majority were fortune-seekers, dreamers who hoped to win in a few years sufficient wealth to take them back in improved circumstances to the country they left. General settlement on small areas was at first only compelled by the unhappy scarcity of ten-pound nuggets. Since the great flow of gold-fevered immigrants, those coming to Australia have been of two kinds. There has been the assisted immigrant, a class that has of recent years become almost unknown to us, and there has been the man with means, who, feeling cramped or unsuited in Europe, unfolded his map of the world and considered that of all "empty" lands Australia offered him the soundest and most congenial investment.

To the latter type these settlers now arriving may be said to belong; and Mr. Coghlan is to be congratulated upon the initiation of a stream which, though modest, is very valuable. These men, if settled on such land as Myall Creek, should begin with good chances. On their success much will depend. There is no immigration agent so convincing as the man who, having come and done well, works on the feelings of his friends at home from this end. The new arrivals do not want spoiling with over-attention, but the Government should see that as far as possible their way is made smooth. Men with no practical knowledge of the conditions of the country are apt to be discouraged by pin-pricking inconveniences and delays that to the ordinary Australian would be matters of little concern. Efforts should be made to shake up the Lands officials and see that these English farmers get a prompt deal, just as they would from private vendors.

In the course of interviews with the immigrants, published in these columns on Monday, some light was thrown upon the methods being followed by the Agent-General's Office to attract the dissatisfied Englishman. Mr. Frankland, a farmer from Westmoreland, speaks of having been led into correspondence with Mr. Coghlan by an advertisement offering £50 to the first British settler to apply for New South Wales land. There are objections to such baits, but doubtless that £50 was well invested for the State. It led to some inquiries, and inquiries lead to immigration. "I wrote to the Agent-General," says Mr. Frankland, "and got a number of replies, each one more favourable than the last, so here I am." But intending settlers must not be misled. For instance, we do not want men who are told in England that they can clear Myall Creek land for from 5s to 8s an acre, to find on their arrival that the clearing costs 25s. This is said to have occurred. Naturally our agents are very keen on adding to Australia's citizenship, and to those engaged in such persuasive work obstacles have a knack of diminishing and promises of expanding. Perhaps, too, our representatives are only emulating the example set by older and more experienced immigration agents from other lands.

SUMMER PLOUGHING.

In the early days of farming the spring and autumn used to be regarded by the average man as seasons of spell. There might be some clearing in the late winter, and the carting away came along in the late summer, but the hard work always left two slack periods. But that is now changed. There is still perhaps a break between the days when the sun sets the ground too hard for fallowing, and the day when it has turned the hay crops to a pitch that calls for the binder; but all of the autumn has been added to the seasons of heavy going. That is so in wheat cultivation, and where mixed farming is practised the circle is even more complete. Some years ago, when irrigation and the cream separator began to change the face of the Goulburn Valley in Victoria, the writer was interested in a farm that went in for extensive fruit and vine culture and dairying. The grind then became eternal. We used to milk cows and hoe, and pursue weeds all the spring, and milk cows and irrigate and crack up baking ground all the autumn. The ploughing and harvest came to be regarded in the light of slack seasons, for then the women did the milking; and in our eyes anything was better than the cowyard and a short-handled hoe in the orchard.

To the wheat-grower early or summer ploughing is of first importance. Of course it presents great difficulties. To break up anything but stubble land before rain falls is out of the question, and even the stubbles are often heavy pulling. Horses generally come through the harvest in good hard condition, stripper and binder work, or ever carting away, never taking it out of them like months before a dead going plough; but in the long hot days when summer ploughing must go forward, the flies and dust are bad, and sore shoulders very prevalent. Still, the compensations of getting an early start are worth all the sacrifice. Land turned over in January or February is almost as good as half fallow. One has to go into the old hay districts of Southern Victoria to see what importance is attached to the practice. Men there manure as a matter of course as regularly as they sow, but they still go to great pains over their summer ploughing. The plough is to be seen in the same paddock as the stookers. The sheaves are carried to narrow rows wide apart, and the intervening spaces are at once turned over before the sun gets a chance to further harden them. Perhaps a summer crop is attempted, but as a rule they are content to give the land the benefit of a few months in fallow. Naturally this process is out of the question where men have big areas under cultivation, and many men are handicapped by lack of horses and labour until the carting away is finished. But most farmers can get at least one team to work early, and those who do have a big pull over their slower-moving neighbours. Land ploughed early is, in addition to its gain from exposure to the air, ready to conserve a maximum of any rain that falls. It is, moreover, ready at any time for seeding, takes the seed in better condition, and can be faced in at what appears the most suitable moment. The farmer who, without taking too much out of his horses, gets a fair area turned over before rain falls is that much ahead of the man who waits; and he can, when rain does come, still plough acre for acre with the other fellow who is just then commencing.

ITEMS.

While Western Australia is awakening to the necessity of making its own butter, the industry is also being pushed actively in other remote parts of the continent. As far up as Cairns, on the Queensland coast, there is now a factory at work, and at several places along the northern seaboard, the outlook for the dairy farmer is very promising. All the sugar districts appear suitable for milk production. The climate is similar to that on the northern rivers, but much more sultry. The rainfall is very heavy, and the growth of natural grasses and artificial feed prodigious. In the past, chief attention has been given to sugar culture, but experts believe dairying would give better results, and just now, with the Australian sugar production almost equal to our consumption, and profitable export under white labour unpromising, farmers are looking out for other industries. The tick is still prevalent on parts of the coastal strip, but is not so deadly as it was a few years ago.

The boom in crossbred sheep, which has been encouraged by the fine demand for freezers, has been responsible for a heavy demand for the pure British breeds. Men owning studs of Shropshires and others of the mutton sheep have had a particularly good season. The inquiry for young rams has been very active, and it is noticed that the demand comes from most parts of the State. Good prices have prevailed. The indications are all towards a rapid increase of the British breeds.

The British "Fish Trades Gazette and Rabbit Trades Chronicle" of a recent date has the following on Australian rabbits:—"It is difficult to account for the comparatively limited number of young and small rabbits that come to hand, excepting on the hypothesis that the trappers do not kill all the young rabbits that they catch, but prefer, when possible, to leave them to grow and breed. We are not in a position to say this is absolutely the fact, but it is difficult to account in any other way for the much lower percentage than in former years of the young rabbits that come to England." The paper adds that it is a mistake not to send home the young rabbits, "a class of goods for which there is a good steady demand," as they do not eat "hard." Continuing, the "Gazette" writes:—"We have recently received inquiries from Australia with regard to shipments early in the year. These would arrive here in March or April, which are generally good months for selling, mainly because the home supply is then practically done—but most decidedly May, June, and July are bad months for rabbits to be landed here; the trade is generally very slow in the summer." The paper goes on to quote from these columns to show the magnitude of the rabbit trade of New South Wales, and concludes:—"New South Wales is doing the thing very properly, and we now never hear a word of complaint against her rabbits."

FRUIT PRESERVING.

Mr. Alfred S. Glen, of Pennant Hills, writes: —"I have just been looking over the apricot crop, and thinking how badly we need to know how to do something profitable with this unmarketable stuff. I'd like Mr. Knibbs to see it. Is he not the Director of Technical Education? And is it not technical education we want? But has Mr. Knibbs done anything beneficial to anybody? I allow he has taken quite three months to consider whether fruit preserving shall be taught, and so far has not reached a conclusion. That might be grand work for Government pay, but I can't call it profitable. Your article in last Monday's issue is good, and goes to the root of the matter. There you say "it is certain that relief in the short supplied market for preserved fruits will come through supplies being brought into the country." That's very creditable to us as a fruit-producing people, I must say. However, you endeavour to lift the Knibbs "gloom" in the next sentence, and it is to be hoped it will impress itself on that gentleman. "On the other hand, if the surplus of each season was canned and bottled, the local demand would be supplied from within, and the excess of summer fruits might be changed to a source of profit, instead of a cause of low prices." Just so, but you can't bottle fruits unless you know how. That and many other things in the preserving line are what we want to know; but Mr. Knibbs does not display any anxiety to teach us. There is no doubt in my mind that "many growers (myself amongst them) would be induced to put up all their surplus and bruised fruit if instruction were provided."

With regard to your remark about "co-operative canning and preserving companies." During my twenty years' residence between Windsor and here I have noticed the start of many public and private fruit preserving concerns. One in particular was on a very large scale, involving many thousands of pounds in machinery, etc. Some have been small concerns, but they have all gone smash. Big salary to the manager, directors' fees, wages, and so on, have crushed the enterprise. And as to co-operation amongst the orchardists, why they have been trying for years to co-operate in the sale of their fruit, without success. No doubt co-operation is the thing, and I can imagine a dozen or a score of growers living within easy distance of each other co-operating, if there was one amongst their number able and willing to take the management, while the bulk of the labour was supplied by members of the co-operative families. And it is here where Mr. Knibbs's department could render good service. If the growers were instructed generally, so that they would all have a knowledge of the work, it would not be long before individuals in each little community would qualify themselves to take charge of a concern, and having the confidence of their neighbours would produce good results. No directors' fees or big salaries to imported experts would be involved, and the wages bill would be trifling.

"SHARES" FARMING.

"Fair Play" writes:—"What in the captain is but a choleric word is in the common soldier flat blasphemy," appears to hold good in regard to farming on shares. The halves system is considered an eminently respectable way of making money when practised by the large landed proprietor; but the small landholder is denounced as "a sweater" for following the example set him by his social superior.

PASTURES AND CROPS.

MENANGLE.—As the result of the late rain (over 200 points) the crops are already being seen in fresh strong growth.

MITTAGONG.—The recent rains have done much good throughout the district. The grass, which was going off, has taken a fresh spring, and the maize crops are in flourishing condition. The fruit crop promises to be most prolific, especially cherries, and large numbers of pickers are being employed. The season promises to be most successful all round.

MOLONG.—On all sides, between Molong and Eugowra, a distance of 50 miles, the crops look well, and it is anticipated that the harvest from most of the early sown fields will be from five to ten bags per acre. Haymaking is proceeding, and up to three tons per acre have been harvested. At Nally Farm, near Eugowra, there is a very heavy crop, covering a large area.

PEAK HILL.—Stripping is in full swing throughout the district. The crops in this district are reported to be better than in most parts of the western district, averaging five to six bags of wheat, and as high as nine bags to 12 bags per acre of oats.

YASS.—The majority of the crops around Yass are far exceeding expectations, the hay crops being above the average. With a few more showers the wheat crop will be a splendid one.

DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

BRISBANE.—Payments for cream and milk by the butter and cheese factories in Southern Queensland during November totalled £70,000.

PARKES.—The turnover at the local butter factory for the past month amounted to £583. One supplier, with 32 cows, received £37 1s 7d for the month. Five tons of butter sent to the London market realised top rates.

FIGHTING THE RABBITS.

LITHGOW.—The Megalong Progress Association is moving the Bathurst Pastures Board to compel the owner of the Kanimbla Estate to destroy rabbits on the Megalong Valley end of the estate. It is stated that small landholders adjoining are poisoning, but that the rabbits are breeding on that end of the estate, and coming in faster than the settlers, who are using poison with good results, can destroy them.

BUTTER FOR EXPORT.

REJECTED AT BRISBANE.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

It is understood that out of three thousand boxes of butter which were to have been exported by the Oruba to-day, about 400 boxes were rejected by the ship's officers for being over the stipulated temperature, 30 degrees. This will involve a heavy loss to the exporters.

AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

ALSTONVILLE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ALSTONVILLE, Wednesday.

The Alstonville Agricultural Society's first spring show, which was postponed some months ago owing to the unfavourable season, was held yesterday, and to-day. The exhibition was very successful. Some sections were well filled, but owing to dry weather the horticultural, fruit, and vegetable sections lacked competition.

The most successful prize takers were:—Fruit and vegetables: W. Crawford, J. King, E. Blanch. Horticulture: Mrs. Gormp. and pupils of the Wollongbar Public School. Preserves: Mrs. J. King, Misses Cook, Morrison. Fine arts: Mrs. Gormp, Misses Gibson and Costello. Fancy work: Misses Morrison, Costello, and Mrs. Gormp. Ladies of the district conducted a tea-room in the society's interest, about £20 being realised from this source. The flower, fruit, and confectionery stalls also helped to swell the revenue.

A sale of stock donated by well-wishers was conducted on the ground, and resulted in upwards of £46 being realised.

The following were the results of the sporting events:—

Open hunt: Miss Armstrong's Dick, 1; A. McLean's Mercadool, 2.

Pony hunt: G. Lee's Nigger, 1; Bulwinkel's Tartar, 2.

Open Trot: W. Elliott's Dolly, 1; Elliott's Trooper, 2.

Bicycle Race: S. Berry.

The attendance of the public was fair, and the gate takings amounted to about £30.

PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

MERRYLANDS FAIR.

The Rev. Dr. Sellors, president of the New South Wales Methodist Conference, opened a marquee fair at Merrylands yesterday, the effort being in aid of the Holroyd Methodist Church trust and circuit fund. There was a large gathering, amongst those present being the Revs. J. Robson, W. Glasson, and W. Theobald. The stall-holders were:—Clothing and fancy, Mrs. Thompson and Misses Cavanough and Robson; provisions, Mrs. Dawson and Miss Parker; refreshments, Mrs. Davidson and Misses Dawson, Kaye, Latty, Luke, and Smith; sweets, Misses Thomas and Peer; flowers, Misses Trompson and Rawlings; Christmas tree, Misses Woodward and Brumfield. In the evening, in addition to the fair, a number of musical competitions were gone through.

BUSH FIRES.

At a meeting of the Prospect and Sherwood Council on Tuesday evening a letter was read from the State Premier, asking the council to do its utmost to inaugurate measures for the prevention of damage from bush fires, and to co-operate with land-owners to extinguish any that might break out. In reply it was decided "That the Premier be asked to devote the 4d per head charged by the Metropolitan Pastures and Stock Protection Board on all stock in the district—from which during the past three years no apparent local benefit had been derived, this money being devoted to creating a fund to protect against fires."

A MOTHER OF TWELVE.

"About four years ago," writes Mrs. E. E. Warneminde, North Pines (Q), "my little boy, then about five weeks old, had a severe attack of diarrhoea, and though I was giving him the medicine prescribed he did not seem to get any better. I had seen in the papers that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy had cured cases similar to his, so I thought I would give it a trial. To my great relief he showed improvement after the first dose, and it only took a couple of doses to completely cure my infant. I am a mother of twelve children, and after my experience I can safely recommend it."—Advt.

LIQUOR REFORM.

ARRIVAL OF MR. J. G. WOOLLEY.

ARGUMENTS FOR NO-LICENSE.

Mr. J. G. Woolley, of Chicago, who has been long identified with the question of temperance and liquor reform, arrived in Sydney yesterday from New Zealand. He is on his way to Manila, but desired to see some old friends in Sydney before going on. Interviewed yesterday by a "Herald" representative, Mr. Woolley said he had been greatly cheered with the prospects of no-license in New Zealand.

"I have visited all parts of the world in the interests of no-license," said the well-known lecturer, "and I found public sentiment vastly improved in New Zealand since I was there four years ago, in regard to the matter. In fact, the sentiment is increasing in favour of no-license all over the world, as it is in the colonies. The only place where the situation seems bad is in Great Britain, but the darkness of conditions there at present suggests the dawn of better days."

"Had the late Government anything to do with that darkness?" asked the interviewer.

"The attitude of the late Government in respect to the liquor trade in England was intolerable," said Mr. Woolley. "We feel very sure that the Liberal Government will be compelled to take up the subject of local veto. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's party is not as far forward as your Government in New South Wales, but it is pledged to reform. In France, Austria, and Germany there is a rising tide of opposition to alcoholic beverages. The movement is largely personal there. In Austria the Government now posts placards printed in large type in public places, telling the people in brief, understandable sentences of the danger to health and prosperity caused by the use of alcoholic beverages."

"Starting at the heart of the people?"

"Yes. The temperance agitation is getting great attention, throughout the world, and that means increasing trouble for the liquor traffic. No thoughtful person will suppose that the drink habits we have inherited can be changed quickly, but they will be changed. The seal of condemnation has been put upon the use of alcoholic beverages by science in all countries. The rest is the education of the people, line upon line, precept upon precept. People used to think, and some do so still, that the fight against the liquor traffic can be won in a canter, but it is clear that while we are certain to win in the long run, we can only win by persistent effort and a faith in humanity that is indiscourageable. I must not predict the result of the New Zealand elections, because the news will be here directly, but the outlook there is very dark for the public bar, and perhaps that is the strongest proof of the desperate fight the owners of public houses are making there for the right to continue to exist by paying money into the revenue."

"How do you keep in touch with the world's doings?"

"Well, I receive information from friends of the cause for the 'New Voice,' of which I am the editor. It is the National Prohibition paper. I deal chiefly in my addresses with the political and personal aspect of the matter. I make no criticism of the man who drinks, or who sells drink. My proposition is that an enlightened Christian community ought not to license or even tolerate a business which goes right against the public health, public order, and public prosperity. It is a puzzle and an outrage that self-respecting business men—the baker, the draper, the doctor—will submit to the present conditions under which they give credit to the drinking man, and wait a long time for their money, sometimes losing the lot of it; while at the same time they will license the publican, not only to take cash from the drinker, but in the operation diminish his ability and perhaps also his disposition to pay his debts. There is no sense and no justice in that, and in the nature of things it cannot continue. The prohibition question has now taken its place with the great moral and economic problems in politics. The fad period and the storm and stress period have passed away. The liquor problem has to be thrashed out on a basis of common honesty and sense. Meanwhile the drinking habits of ages will die hard, and the movement will be more or less discouraging to drinkers as it proceeds. But it does and will proceed, and one of the great things the movement is doing for mankind is to increase the courage and the staying power of the honest citizen."

ST. IGNATIUS' COLLEGE.

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

SPEECH BY LORD JERSEY.

Yesterday was "speech day" at St. Ignatius' College, Riverview, the prizes being distributed by the Earl of Jersey in the presence of a distinguished gathering. The visitors were received by the rector, the Very Rev. Thomas Gartlan, S.J., and the staff, and were shown over the beautiful grounds of the college. Among those present were his Eminence Cardinal Moran, Sir Francis Suttor, President of the Legislative Council, Mr. J. Hughes, M.L.C., Vice-President of the Legislative Council, Mr. Moore, Minister for Mines, Mr. Humphery, M.L.C., Brigadier-General Gordon, Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, M.L.A., Alderman Thomas Hughes, Monsignor O'Brien, rector of St. John's College, Monsignor O'Haran, Mr. H. E. Barff, representing the University of Sydney, Mr. A. H. Lucas, acting headmaster of the Sydney Grammar School, Mr. C. Hodges, Church of England Grammar School, Mr. Schofield, lecturer in chemistry, Sydney University, Mr. G. H. Knibbs, Superintendent of Technical Education, and Professor David, Sydney University. The Premier, Mr. Carruthers, sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present.

The report of the prefect of studies referred to the successes gained by pupils of the college at the public examinations, and congratulated the school on the fact that it once more held the Great Public Schools' Championship. The fact that its pupils came from various States greatly enhanced the intellectual capacity of the school.

The rector, in the course of a short address, said that this was the jubilee year of the college. During the year the number of pupils had greatly increased, while the spirit and tone of the school were excellent. At the beginning of the year the college suffered a great loss in the death of its founder, the Rev. Father Dalton. He assured Lord Jersey that if he should again come to New South Wales as the King's representative he would nowhere be more heartily welcomed than at Riverview. (Applause.)

Cardinal Moran said that he would not refer to the past or present, but would conjure up a vision of the future. Fifty years hence he saw the Commonwealth rich with teeming population, its Government enlightened by men whose hearts were set on developing the country's resources. It would be no wonder that neighbouring countries would look with envy upon a Utopia of this kind. This Utopia would arise from a new system of education. In a spirit of prophecy he saw a national system prevailing from shore to shore. It would be not merely political, but would have a basis of patriotism. Freedom would be its dominant spirit, and the blessings of enlightenment would be spread everywhere. St. Ignatius' College had done great work in the past, and would do still greater work in the future.

Lord Jersey, in distributing the prizes, congratulated the college on the fact that it was able to hold its own, not only in the matter of education, but also on the river and in other branches of athletics. A school which could achieve such a combination was assured of success in the future. He noticed that some of the earlier scholars were distinguishing themselves in the service of the country, and without, like his Eminence, looking forward 50 years, he was content to look forward 10 or 15 years, when they might surely hope that many more would be bringing their personal gifts into the public service and public life. It was essential that men who entered the service of the State should be well grounded in the great principle which lay at the root of the growth of the nation. He hoped that the scholars would in after life remain true to the principles which were inculcated at the school, and would carry with them the proud consciousness that everyone connected with them expected them to do well. Personally, the influence of his old school at Eton had always been very great in everything he had tried to do. He was glad to renew his acquaintance with the college, and hoped that even if they could not realise a Utopia in Australia they would at least keep Riverview a Garden of Eden. (Laughter.) In conclusion, he asked the rector to grant him the only request he had made for 15 years, and give the boys an extra holiday. (Cheers.)

Two scenes from "A Midsummer Night's Dream" were presented by the pupils, and the college orchestra, under the direction of Mr. W. J. Coad, contributed a musical programme.

WHEN BABY BURNS HIS HAND.

When sister cuts her finger. When brother gets a bruise. In short, when anything happens to the children which causes them pain, it is mother's delight to comfort and relieve the little sufferers. She can always do this when she has Dr. Sheldon's Magnetic Liniment in the house. Rubbing a little of it over a sore or wound immediately takes away all pain, and vastly hastens recovery. Keep a bottle in the house always, and you will agree with a thousand other mothers who have said that they could not keep house without it. For sale everywhere, 1s 6d and 3s.—Advt.

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BIRTHS.

DEAN.—November 30, at her mother's residence, Victoria-avenue, Woollahra, the wife of W. E. Dean, of Western Australia—daughter.

FORD.—November 5, at Calabash, Homebush, to Mrs. J. A. Ford—a son.

DEATHS.

AMOS.—December 6, at his late residence, Braeside, Victoria-street North, Robert Amos, railway contractor, aged 73. Interred at Cairn Hill, Bundanoon, this morning.

DINAN.—December 6, 1905, at Lewisham Hospital, David Dinan, late of Excelsior Hotel, Bridge-road, Glebe, aged 47 years. Special request, no flowers.

FINNIE.—December 5, at the S. Hospital, Lawrett John Finnie, the eldest son of John Boyd Finnie, in his 60th year. Inserted by his sorrowing sister, Lizzie. (Home papers please copy.)

JOHNSTON.—September 2, 1905, Matilda Johnston, wife of John Johnston, 3516 W., 67th-street, Chicago, Ill., maiden name Matilda Jamison, former residences, Green Point, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Glasgow, Scotland. Australian papers please copy.

McCORMICK.—December 6, at the residence of her parents, Shipley, North Sydney, Fannie Maud, the beloved daughter of John and Ellen McCormick.

MOLESWORTH.—December 6, at the Sydney Hospital, Edgar Molesworth, of Goimbla, Arthur-street, Ashfield, aged 46 years.

NELSON.—December 6, at Tankersley, Renwick-street, Drummoyne, Roy Collings, the beloved infant son of James and Adelaide Nelson.

TINDALL.—December 6, 1905, at Hopewell-street, Paddington, Francis R. Tindall, late of Mudgee, N.S.W., aged 68 years. By request, no flowers.

TUFFNELL.—November 28, at Parramatta Hospital, of paralysis, William, dearly beloved husband of Ellen J. Tuffnell, of Hardie-street, North Botany, aged 44 years.

IN MEMORIAM.

JORKE.—In loving memory of our dear daughter and sister, Amy Rosina, who departed this life on December 7, 1902, aged 21 years and 7 months. For ever with the Lord.

DOBBIE.—In loving memory of my dearly-loved husband, William Charles Dobbie, who passed away December 7, 1904, in his 36th year. His memory dwells within the hearts of those who knew his worth.

DOBBIE.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, William Charles Dobbie, who departed this life December 7, 1904; also our dear daughter, Elizabeth Downes, who departed this life December 13, 1896. Inserted by their loving parents, William and Catherine Dobbie. To memory dear.

DOBBIE.—In loving memory of our dear brother, William Charles Dobbie, who died December 7, 1904. To memory ever dear. Inserted by his loving brother and sister, Jack and Florence Dobbie.

DOBBIE.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, William Charles Dobbie, who departed this life December 7, 1904; also our dear sister, Elizabeth Downes, who departed this life December 13, 1896. Inserted by their loving brother, sister, and brother-in-law, Joseph Dobbie and K. and B. J. Skidmore.

DOBBIE.—In sad but loving memory of our dear brother, William Charles Dobbie, who departed this life December 7, 1904; also our dear sister, Elizabeth Downes, who departed this life December 15, 1896. Inserted by their loving sister and brother-in-law, J. and F. Ryder.

KELSO.—In sad but loving memory of my dear husband, James Kelso, who departed this life December 7, 1903. Inserted by his loving wife and children.

MORAN.—In loving memory of Michael Joseph Moran, late school teacher at Public School, Sunny Corner, who died at Bathurst on December 7, 1901, aged 46 years. R.I.P. Inserted by his loving children, Tod and Min.

MOTUM.—In sad and loving remembrance of my dearly beloved and only daughter, Kate Eliza, who passed away at Liverpool, England, on December 7, 1904, aged 21 years and 5 months.

Another soul in heaven,
A mother's heart laid bare,
But my darling Katie,
Once more to meet you,
Is still your mother's prayer.

Inserted by her loving mother, and brothers, Arthur, Ernest, Jesse, Bertie, Leslie Motum, Hawkes Nest, Port Stephens. Home papers please copy.

RATCLIFFE.—In loving memory of our dear mother, Martha Jane Ratcliffe, who departed this life at her residence, Bondi-road, Bondi, December 7th, 1902. Sadly missed. Inserted by F. and I. Ratcliffe.

SMALL.—In loving remembrance of my dear wife and our mother, Margaret Small, who died suddenly at 64 Liverpool-street, Paddington, December 7, 1805. Inserted by her husband, Henry Small, and children.

WELLINGTON.—In sad but loving memory of our dear son, Charlie, who died from injuries accidentally received, December 7th, 1902. Inserted by his mother and father and sister Ella.

RETURN THANKS.

Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED MYERS desire to return THANKS to their many kind friends for messages of sympathy and floral tributes in their late sad bereavement, especially Drs. Clubb, Vernon, Jenkins, and Walton Smith, and the Nurses of the Childrens' Hospital, Glebe.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. PETTIFER, of Annandale, desire to return their sincere THANKS for many letters, telegrams, and floral tributes from kind friends in their late bereavements.

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THE REVOLT IN RUSSIA.

Day by day the cloud which hangs over Russia grows blacker, and now it may be said that the vast Empire which stretches almost from the Atlantic to the Pacific is almost blotted out. The darkness is only lightened by lurid flashes as word comes of city after city in flames or given over to revolution, and the world is watching in breathless horror the approach of a spectre raised from wholesale massacre and widespread ruin. A month ago it was gravely doubted whether Russia was really in revolt. There was paralysis on the railways and a general dislocation of transport and trade. A carefully planned movement had practically isolated St. Petersburg and Moscow, and war had without doubt been declared upon the Government by a large section of the people. It was clear that the controlling minds of the movement had grasped the great fact that to stop the railways was to use one of the mightiest weapons of modern warfare, and concerted action almost throughout the Empire showed how well laid were the plans of the leaders. It was noted at the time as one of the most significant events in a great upheaval that order and not chaos was supreme. The paradox could only be explained by admitting the existence of a well-matured plan of campaign, which in the hands of thousands of railway employees all over Russia became at once a serious menace to the autocracy itself. Had it only been a question of a railway strike depending for its settlement upon a better understanding between the State as employer and its employees there might have been less to worry about. But the Czar and his advisers could see that the vast body of the people were in sympathy with the strikers, that the trouble was not economic but political, and that to make the wheels go round might require more power than even the Romanoffs could command. Yet what then appealed to the onlooker was the fact that the Czar could for the time being call out a portion of his army, and that machine guns were still to be depended upon in the hands of trusted soldiers. It is true that no amount of military force could put steam into rusting cylinders, or move the miles of trucks and carriages lying along the many sidings in and out of the great cities. But the dislocation of the railways was, after all, a matter affecting the people. It meant starvation for them in the long run, and sooner or later there would be the appearance of mobs crowding the streets, and a chance of bringing the iron hand of authority down heavily upon disaffection and revolt. Thus a month ago it was felt that the odds were with the Czar. While he could depend upon the army, or upon the half million Cossacks whose loyalty has never been questioned, he seemed to have the best end of the bludgeon to his hand, and no one doubted that he would use it if pressed. His granting of a constitution, and his concessions one after another since, were accepted as evidences of his desire to win by peaceful methods if possible; though it was fairly clear that the enormous pressure brought to bear upon him was otherwise making itself felt.

Now as we look back all uncertainty has gone. Russia is in the throes of a revolution, and no one will be surprised to hear at any moment that the Czar has fled, and the dynasty is fighting for its life in the persons of the stronger Grand Dukes. Our cablegrams this morning hint at the appearance of a German squadron in the Baltic, and the close relationship which has been maintained between Czar and Kaiser may yet bear some strange fruit. But the point of immediate interest is the apparent degeneration of what at one time seemed a well-ordered attack upon the Government into a general cataclysm of mutiny and mischief. Two considerations seem to emerge at this juncture. The soldiers and sailors upon whom the Czar seemed able to rely a month ago have failed him, and like a splintered staff have pierced his hand. But the leaders of revolution seem also to have lost control. The railway strike, which at one time was apparently near an end, has been continued; in addition the telegraphists throughout Russia have refused to work, and the darkness of which we have written has fallen indeed, except for the news which breaks out at regular intervals and is only darkness made visible. But the weapon of inaction has proved less than efficient. It has not brought the Czar to his knees, except that a people maddened by suffering have thrown rule aside, and by breaking the army into fragments have brought the Government to extremity. It has to be remembered that a revolution in Russia concerns 143,000,000 people, and that little help will be obtained by thinking of the French revolution with its 27,000,000. To-day there are 90,000,000 peasants in Russia seething with revolt. In many districts they have turned upon the landlords, burning, pillaging, and making the countryside desolate. It is difficult to grasp the significance of the figures and of the facts behind them. If it were possible to think that the leaders of the strike movement—the representatives of the artisan classes—could control the men upon the land it would not be so difficult to see signs of order in the general chaos. But the peasant is a doubtful quantity, and just now he seems to be going mad. Father Gapon's comment would seem to sum up the situation, and the nerves of the nation have apparently been stretched to breaking point by the feverish propaganda of extreme parties. The danger now is that the masses, losing their self-respect, will "join the black hundred and the dregs of society;" and the revolutionary spirit, instead of serving and saving Russia, may tear it to pieces.

THE NORTH COAST RAILWAY.

When Mr. Carruthers succeeded in affirming the desirability of introducing the North Coast Railway Bill by an insignificant majority of two the superficial comment was that the Government had narrowly escaped defeat on a measure involving a serious question of policy. The timid man immediately exclaims "Let it go," and the misrepresenting man assiduously expounds the event clear from the purpose of the thing itself. The apparent anomaly of a Reform Government, pledged first and foremost to economy, asking for a vote of some three millions sterling strikes his eye—and he makes the most of it. That majority of two comes as a boon and a blessing to the enemy. Where could there be plainer evidence of the doubtful nature of the transaction? Of course, it does look as though there was a fundamental disagreement on the plain question of fact whether the line is a sane and safe project or not. And that judgment at a glance is quite enough to raise the sluice-gates of criticism and let out the whole flood of talk that has rolled by for years, to roll by once again. But that surface view is about as far from being the true one as any view could be. If it were true it would seem there is little motive in collecting evidence and drawing conclusions from the facts. The proposal to build this line is no new thing; and Mr. Carruthers's Government did not take it up without knowing all there was to know about it. Sir Henry Parkes projected it; the Public Works Committee probed it thoroughly; and the Railway Commissioners gave their expert verdict in its favour. In the face of all this was the division a division on the question of fact or was it not? The plain truth is that the narrow majority did not indicate that nearly half the House is afraid to risk the line. Mr. McGowen, a member of the Works Committee that laboriously considered the project last year, moved to construct the line on the betterment principle. That suggestion was rejected, not because betterment is bad, but because here it would be impracticable. When the original motion was put Mr. McGowen carried his followers—not against the construction of the line, but against a negative quantity, the absence of betterment. Whether there was any arriere pensee behind this attempt of the Opposition to run away from a project Mr. McGowen had approved, whether if the North had been a Labour stronghold the sacred principle of betterment would have seemed so sacred, is apart from the main issue. The plain fact is that, leaving the subordinate questions aside, the Opposition must have voted with the Government for the line and a pretty unanimous verdict in its favour been given.

And, of course, nothing has happened to reverse the judgment given in one court of public opinion after another. In a case like this there will always be cross-currents of personal and parochial interests, and these will strive to assert themselves to the last moment, no matter at what sacrifice. No doubt an expenditure running up to £3,000,000 is no light thing; but because the line will ultimately cost that we need not accuse Mr. Carruthers of contemplating an immediate huge loan. He does not contemplate it. Further, the line is not one of those that is useless until it reaches its ultimate objective. Each section of it, if all cannot be built at once, will help to make the future of the next more secure. It is easy to repeat stock arguments against building lines in territory not immediately able to support them; but standing by itself, that argument would condemn almost any expansion of communications. It has to be read along with the weight of evidence from those whose knowledge enables them to see some way into the future. We have no desire to discuss again the general question as to the probability of the line being in a reasonable time reasonably self-supporting. For the purpose of our argument that question is settled by the admission of Mr. McGowen. According to him a betterment tax would be a complete security against loss: granted that, he would be as strong an advocate of the line as there is in New South Wales. Now if the betterment principle would do all that it is clear that the betterment Mr. McGowen contemplates as the result of the line is enormous. If anything like that happy result is so certain to ensue, we may be quite satisfied that the line would be a safe thing without the temporary expedient by which Mr. McGowen sets such store. We can let the main contention stand at that. One or two by-paths of argument are worth following to their blind end. Someone objects to centralisation; but a centralisation that opens up an easy market to isolated territory seems to have its compensations; and, on the other hand, if it is risky to build railways it is mere gambling to dig harbours where nature forgot to establish them. We have had some little experience of this already; enough not to mistake that form of extravagance, at any rate, for economy.

Over against all this remain the inexorable facts that need not be reiterated. River traffic and sea carriage can never hope to open up these magnificently resourceful territories of the North Coast. Isolation means stagnation; with reasonable communication no one denies the country would be carrying ten times its population; or that the bringing together of the people and the land would there mean prosperity increasing by leaps and bounds. If the railway were to be built and left to serve those alienated lands of which Mr. McGowen is so suspicious there would be some ground to pause. But we have a right to ask that the project should be taken hand in hand with a reformed land administration that cannot long be delayed. So taken the rail and the land reform ought to work together into a clear and successful policy of development. The Works Committee expressed this vigorously enough when they reported in favour of the line. The evidence convinced them that it would lead to great development and settlement in the North Coast districts. The deficiency on working to be expected they did not consider serious; and they had every reason to expect that it would soon entirely disappear: only the absence of the line had kept the dairy-farmer off the land; and more to that effect. The Railway Commissioners probed the whole question: to saddle themselves with another deadweight of line would be such a suicidal short cut to unpopularity, a mistake for which their whole administration might have to pay, that they would scarcely have ventured to recommend the line had their expert knowledge shown such a course to be untenable. But in full consciousness of that they did recommend the scheme. Some confusion has certainly been introduced into the discussion by conflict of local interests. But anyone who has impartially weighed what has been said on both sides, allowing for all the natural exaggeration that arises when we plead for points that touch us nearly, will not do other than agree with the finding of the Works Committee. He will admit that for three hundred odd miles a stretch of some of the finest country in the State lies practically unexploited, and he will conclude it is worth an effort to turn fertility into gold. But all this has been admitted so often that it does not need repeating. It was admitted up to the hilt by most of those who voted against the motion to introduce the bill. That being so, whatever Mr. Carruthers decides to do in the immediate present cannot logically affect the ultimate fate of the line. It ought to be built, and it will be built. Meanwhile Mr. McGowen and his friends will find a holiday recreation in explaining why they voted against a great national work as to the necessity of which they had no doubt.

THE OBJECT OF EDUCATION.

Lord Jersey's remarks at speech-day at Riverview yesterday were well-timed in more respects than one. At this period of the year most of the secondary schools, following the example of similar institutions in the old country, hold a sort of gala day, on which prizes are distributed to those pupils who have done well, and on which many bid farewell to their schoolboy days and enter upon the business of life. The school whose influence for good ends short on this day is not the sort of school which men who love their country hope to see flourishing in it; nor is the education which it has imparted that great agent for good which we all desire. A school may turn out a succession of brilliant students or remarkable athletes, but it has not attained the object of education unless it also gives to all its pupils, who may be slow at their books and of no account at the games, an elevating influence which we may call "tone" or "esprit de corps," or anything else we like, but which cannot be mistaken. It is to this influence that Lord Jersey referred when he expressed the hope that the scholars would in after-life remain true to the principles which were inculcated at the school, and would carry with them the proud consciousness that everyone connected with them expected them to do well. And the "doing well" of which he spoke means not only material prosperity; the cloud of witnesses which accompanies the alumnus of a great public school demands character even more than achievement.

The sense of this moral indebtedness to the spirit of a great school is to be desired in all walks of life, but Lord Jersey was directing the thoughts of the boys and their teachers more especially to such of his hearers as were contemplating a career in the public service of the country, whether in the halls of legislation or in the work of administration. We are all unhappily aware of instances in which men of great ability have come to shipwreck from sheer absence of the character which a sound moral training and a high standard of personal honour create or foster. Every agency which helps in the formation of this character is a great public benefit, and perhaps there is no agency more powerful than the crystallised public opinion which is part and parcel of a great school, which teaches present scholars to emulate their predecessors in maintaining the school's reputation, and which, at the same time, checks or encourages as the case may be the energies of old scholars. The great schools recognise this, and it is not merely a desire to conserve old friendships and acquaintanceships which has led to the establishment of an Old Boys' Union, or something like it, in connection with the most important of our schools. Lord Jersey referred to the Eton influence as operating on him throughout his life, and we are glad to know that a similar influence works in Australia. Our schools cannot boast of the antiquity of Eton or Harrow, but they can claim a continuity of high endeavour and the inculcation of a high standard for a long period in our short history. To name as representative schools of the sort we have The King's School, with its enviable traditions stretching over two generations, and we have the Sydney Grammar School, and the institution which Lord Jersey visited yesterday. Now each of these schools has contributed largely to the personnel of the governing body—in Parliament, in the courts of law, in the public service generally. And each one of the old scholars of each of these knows that the honour of the school is in his keeping to a certain extent. A boy's school days are not always the happiest in his life, but they are nearly always the most important in the formation of his character—in the shaping, that is, of his future life, and in the establishment of his future influence on the State, it may be, on his own circle of society, on his family, and on himself. When a school helps a boy to form his character it is doing more than when it equips him for high scholastic distinction; and we have reason to believe that our great schools are doing good work in this direction.

The Railway Royal Commission.—It is understood that the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Frederick Darley, yesterday signed the necessary documents appointing Judge Rogers, Mr. G. A. Wilson, chairman of the Public Service Board, and Mr. E. W. Knox, managing director of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company, a Royal Commission, with power to inquire into the circumstances connected with the granting of a contract to the Lithgow Coal Association to supply coal to the Railway Department, as well as to investigate the inharmonious relations existing between the Railway Commissioners. A preliminary meeting of the commission will be held to-day in the Chief Secretary's buildings. Mr. J. Garlick has been appointed secretary to the commission.

Sydney Water Supply.—At the weekly meeting of the Water and Sewerage Board yesterday the President said that unless there was an additional fall of rain it was doubtful whether there would be more than enough water in the rivers to fill Prospect reservoir. In reply to Alderman Henley, he stated that he had ordered all the service reservoirs to be filled, and the work of flushing was now being carried out. From returns which reached the board yesterday morning it was ascertained that falls at the recording stations on the catchment area were in many cases very heavy, although but little rain was reported on the previous day. The dull, cool weather, however, will have a beneficial effect, lessening the evaporation, and little doubt is now felt that the reservoir will at least fill up.

Cost of Country Water Supply Works.—A deputation consisting of Messrs. Reynoldson, Morton, McLaurin, Jones, McDonell, and Meehan, Ms.L.A., waited on the Premier last evening at Parliament House with reference to the Country Towns Water and Sewerage Amendment Bill. They asked him to consider the position of those municipalities unable to meet their liabilities to the Government on account of the actual cost of the water works being greatly in excess of the estimate. The Premier promised that in the course of a few days he would appoint a committee to inquire into the matter, with a view of reporting as to the value of the works and the ability of the municipalities to meet their obligations. The value so found would be adopted. If councils were unable to pay the full annual instalments they must apply, under the Act just passed, for a temporary reduction in the liability fixed by the committee.

The Safety of Theatres.—Nearly two years ago the Government of the day appointed a committee to consider what steps should be taken to minimise the risk of fire and the danger of panic in theatres and public halls. The work of the committee has had the effect of causing several theatres and halls to be improved, so that the fact that the report was presented to Parliament only yesterday does not matter much. Intimation of the improvements and safety appliances have been given to the public from time to time. The official report is quaint in parts. One sentence gravely announces, as though there was doubt on the point, that in case of a fire or panic the safety of the people is of paramount importance. Another reads as follows:—"It was further considered, sine qua non, that the buildings should be rendered structurally safe. . . ." The absence of effective legislation to control, manage, erect, and construct places of amusement is deplored, and early action strongly urged. It is advised that the legislation also provide for the grading of halls according to the size of the stage, quantity of scenery, and nature of the entertainment, and that licenses be issued only year by year. Mr. Hogue presented the report to the Legislative Assembly.

Absorption of Camperdown.—At a meeting of the Camperdown Council on Tuesday evening a letter was read from the town clerk of Sydney, enclosing 12 copies of the City of Sydney Extension Bill, which provides for the absorption of the Borough of Camperdown upon certain lines laid down in the bill. The town clerk asked for an expression of opinion from the Camperdown aldermen as to the provisions of the bill, in order that such opinions might be laid before the City Council when the bill was being considered by that body. The Mayor (Alderman Mallett) said there was one clause in the measure which he thought most unjust, and that was that the City Council had power to resume the lands of the people in order to widen the streets, and not to give them one penny compensation. He was sure no Parliament would pass a bill containing such unjust provisions. The people of Camperdown would never stand it. The Mayor said that the City Council wanted a reply at once. He urged that this council should modify the bill by cutting out certain clauses, and if that would not meet the wishes of the City Council, then Camperdown could draw up a scheme of its own. An alderman remarked: "We are in the hands of a receiver, and are powerless." The Mayor: "We need not always be in the hands of a receiver." The decision to call a special meeting of the council to consider the bill in detail was agreed to.

The Commonwealth Rifle Meeting.—At last night's meeting of the National Rifle Association, some complaints were made of unfairness on the Victorian rifle range during the Commonwealth meeting, recently organised by the Victorian N.R.A. Mr. E. J. Brown stated that a N.S.W. competitor had informed him that a man had approached him and stated that if he would give him £2 he would be able to get the shooter a "possible" on any range, further alleging that £1 would be for a marker, and £1 for himself. Captain Lindsay also referred to unfair practices. He considered that no glass pedestals should be used by the Victorians, unless they were provided for competitors from other States. He had seen a Victorian marker hurrahing at the Victorian win. A check marker at the butts had told him that a marker had deliberately knocked plates over whether they were hit or not. Another member of the council said that one man who had fired seven shots in the running man competition had been credited with nine hits. He thought, satirically, that the bullets must have split as they travelled to the targets. He suggested that in future a first-class telescope be taken by the State team. There were other complaints about the travelling accommodation, but the matter was dropped after it had been explained that the Victorian council had authorised a full inquiry into the alleged malpractices on the range during the meeting.

Hotelkeepers' Leases.—We have been requested by Mr. John Ashton, general secretary to the United Licensed Victuallers' Association, to call attention to an advertisement in another portion of this issue with reference to a matter of vital interest to the liquor trade. Hotelkeepers are therein warned that, in order to obtain the full benefit of the compensation provisions of the new Liquor Bill, it is necessary to have their leases or agreements for leases of their premises stamped and registered forthwith. Leases or agreements executed prior to December 12, 1904, must be stamped before the 13th instant, and registered before the 31st instant. Leases executed after December 12, 1904, must be stamped within the period within which they may be lawfully stamped without fine, and registered before the 31st instant.

The Collapse of "Black Maria."—The sombre-looking vehicle which is used by the police to convey prisoners, and which is familiarly known as "Black Maria," had a mishap in Crown-street yesterday morning, while on its way to the Central Police Station. The rear axle broke, and the van subsided, but without causing its 10 occupants very much of a shock. A crowd soon gathered, and the more jocular spirits did not let the opportunity pass of making derisive comments on the situation. The vehicle was raised shortly after its freight had been transhipped.

A Good Time for Anglers.—Fishing reports are one of the features of the meetings of the Amateur Fishermen's Association, the members freely communicating the latest news from the harbours, rivers, and estuaries. The best reports furnished at Tuesday's meeting were those concerning the Hawkesbury River and Brisbane Water (Woy Woy). The recent rains on the watershed of the Hawkesbury had a stimulating effect upon the fishing in the estuary and Broken Bay. Several sportsmen were announced to have caught fine bags of jewfish and flathead. The jewfish were of good size, many over 10lb having been taken by anglers and hand-liners in the vicinity of the bridge and Dangar Island. Woy Woy reports were similarly pleasing. A catch of 63lb weight of whiting, black-bream, flounders, and flathead on Monday was authenticated. The haul was obtained by two hand-liners, every fish being over the legal weight. Reports from the trout-stocked rivers showed that good fly-fishing was being obtained in the Duckmaloi near Oberon, the Goodradigbee near Queanbeyan, and the Yarrangobilly near the famous caves of that name. Sport was also announced to be satisfactory in the Tumberumba district and near Bombala. It was decided to extend fraternal greetings to the newly-formed Fly-fishers' Club.

Monthly Gold Yield.—The usual return furnished by the Under-Secretary for Mines shows that the gold yield recorded for the month of November was 28,868oz, as compared with 29,480oz for the same month last year. The yield for the 11 months of this year is 248,840oz, valued at £1,057,006, as compared with 241,243oz, valued at £1,024,736, for the similar period in 1904.

Lord and Lady Jersey have been photographed by Mr. Mark Blow, of the Crown Studios, and the photographs are fine samples of the artists' skill. The high lights are good, the shadows well defined, and the half-tones have a fine gradation. The photographs, which have been autographed by Lord and Lady Jersey, reflect credit on the Crown Studios.

A memorial service will be held in St. Andrew's Cathedral at 3 p.m. to-day, concurrently with the funeral of the late Bishop Stanton at Morpeth.

Dr. George S. S. Greenwell and Dr. Howard R. Greenwell, Australians, who distinguished themselves in dentistry at Harvard University, U.S.A., have commenced practice in association with Mr. Edward Reading, of this city.

In response to complaints about the North Sydney telephone service, the postal authorities have informed Mr. Dugald Thomson that two additional junction line circuits have been provided, making a total of 38 trunk lines between the Central and North Sydney exchanges, which, with 13 other junction lines between North Sydney and adjacent branch exchanges, gives a total of 51 lines between the district and other exchanges.

The tramway crossing upon the Forest Lodge tram line, at the intersection of Ross and Charles streets, on the corner of which the Forest Lodge Public school is situated, has long been recognised as a dangerous place. Some accidents have occurred there, chiefly collisions with vehicles, but so far, fortunately, no loss of life has occurred. Mr. Mahony, M.L.A., has now been notified by the Railway Commissioners that the question of cutting off the corner of the Public school ground in order to widen the road crossing has been under consideration for some time, and that negotiations are in hand with the Public Instruction Department with a view of giving effect to it.

It is notified that a moonlight excursion will be held at Coogee to-night. Special trams will be run from 7 to 8 p.m., and a first-class band will render a musical programme on the esplanade.

The North Sydney Council has decided to communicate with the Sydney Ferries, Ltd., protesting against any interference with the ferry traffic of the northern suburbs on holidays and other occasions, which tends to inconvenience passengers.

A number of the members of "A" Company St. George's Rifles proceeded to Corrimal on Saturday last, and were entertained by the Corrimal ("H") Company of the St. George's English Rifle Regiment. In the evening a very enjoyable smoke concert was held, Captain Gallagher (commanding "H" Company) occupying the chair. An appropriate toast list was honoured. On Sunday morning a church parade was held.

A correspondent signing himself "Typhoid" refers to the insanitary condition of some of the streets in the Naremburn Ward of the Borough of Willoughby. He considers that the council's bylaw dealing with the matter should be enforced.

Mr. P. A. Howells, of Adelaide, writes to remind us that it was Mr. C. J. Stevens and himself, on behalf of a syndicate, who originally brought Mr. Charles Santley to Australia. It was a supplementary tour that was directed by Mr. R. Smythe, to whose connection with the great baritone reference was recently made in our "Music and Drama" column.

A correspondent in referring to certain cases dealt with at the Criminal Sessions expresses the opinion that there is a disparity in the sentences passed upon two of the prisoners. A bank official who betrays a position of trust is, he considers, even more guilty than a fraudulent debtor.

"E. H. Richardson," in referring to the letter of the president of the Anti-socialist League in yesterday's issue, on "Labour in Lang," says that woman suffrage has been a plank of the Labour party for at least 12 years, and to the solid vote of that party women are indebted for the anomalous position they at present occupy. "It goes without saying," adds our correspondent, "that it is to the interest of the Labour party that women should have votes, which they will see that they exercise, while on the other hand self-respecting womanly women would gladly refrain from using them except indeed in self-defence, and in opposition to the Labour party."

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

PUBLICATION OF PROCEEDINGS.

THE PREMIER'S EXPLANATION.

The statement which appeared in a morning journal yesterday to the effect that the Government intended to keep the proceedings of the Railway Commission private caused an animated discussion in the Legislative Assembly yesterday afternoon.

Mr. GRIFFITH moved the adjournment of the House to consider the decision of the Government to prevent the publication from day to day of the proceedings of the Royal Commission inquiring into the conduct of the Railway Department.

The PREMIER said that there had been no such decision on the part of the Government. Mr. Griffith had read a newspaper paragraph to that effect, but as a matter of fact the Government had left it to the discretion of the Commission to decide whether the inquiry should be open or not. The hon. member was therefore arguing on an incorrect assumption.

Mr. GRIFFITH: Hon. members can only be guided by statements made by responsible Ministers. A newspaper stated yesterday that the Premier announced that the proceedings would not be open.

Mr. M'GOWEN said that the Government by giving discretionary power to the Commission to shut its doors so far as the public were concerned, was responsible for the result. Parliament was the only place where the Government could be brought to book with regard to the power and scope of the Commission. If the Premier had, as stated, said that the Commission could use its own discretion, it was the duty of Parliament to protest that this Commission should not be treated differently from any other. Although the Commission might be responsible for holding its sittings in camera, the Government would be responsible for giving it that power.

The PREMIER said that while the investigation of certain charges was sub judice, it was not competent for Parliament to discuss the matter.

Mr. LEVIEN: This is only a question of giving publicity to the facts. If it is a square deal, let us have publicity.

The PREMIER: The minute which I wrote instructed the Commission to exercise their own discretion as to whether the proceedings should be held in camera or otherwise. I expressed my own personal opinion in the course of conversation that it would be unwise to have the proceedings open, in view of the fact that the publication of the report on the first charge would be calculated to create a false impression.

Mr. M'GOWEN: Did you not think it would be an intimation to them?

The PREMIER: I left it to their discretion entirely.

Mr. GRIFFITH: Did you do it in the case of the Lands Commission?

The PREMIER said that the communication had been sent to the members of the Commission the first thing that morning. The Commission had informally met that morning, and he understood that they had expressed the opinion that the proceedings should be open. (Hear, hear.)

The SPEAKER: Perhaps the hon. member will withdraw the motion now.

The PREMIER, in further explanation, said that the Commissioners had intimated to him that the proceedings should be open, but they had not formally met.

Mr. GRIFFITH: I will withdraw the motion, but will bring it up again if we do not have a more satisfactory answer to-morrow.

TO-DAY.

Moonlight Excursion to Coogee: Special Trams, 7 to 8 p.m.
Fort-street School Bazaar: Opening Ceremony, 7.30 p.m.
Centenary Hall: Businessmen's Service, 1.15 p.m.
Y.M.C.A.: Bible Talk to Businessmen, 1.15 p.m.
St. Matthias' Church Moonlight Excursion, 7.30 p.m.
Public Meeting, Five Dock Town Hall: To protest against sale of Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Unemployed Meeting: Domain, 3 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "Leah Kleschna," 8 p.m.
Criterion Theatre: "Princess Ida," 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Through the Divorce Court," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Queen's Hall: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, Cinematograph, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
H. Clay's Vaudeville Company: Petersham Town Hall, 8 p.m.
Bohemian Dramatic Company: Hay-street, 8 p.m.
Manly Water Chute: 2 to 10 p.m.
National Sporting Club: Boxing, K. Regan v Russell, 8.15 p.m.

IN PARLIAMENT.

In the Legislative Council yesterday the Liquor Bill was read the third time. The Sydney Water Supply Conduit Additional Works Bill was read the second time, and passed through its remaining stages. After an elaborate explanation by Mr. Brunker of the provisions of the Western Lands (Amendment) Bill that measure was read the second time and passed through committee, the third reading being made an order for to-day. So far rapid progress was made; but when the Vice-President of the Executive Council had moved the second reading of the Country Towns Water and Sewerage (Amendment) Bill, Mr. Brown ventured to prophesy that shortly after the measure had become law those whose interests it was supposed to serve would come to the Government for relief from their burdens, and ask for fresh legislation. He also pointed out how largely the original estimate for similar works to those dealt with by the bill had been exceeded, and gave as an illustration the Hunter River Water and Sewerage Supply. The bill was read the second time and taken through committee. A measure substituted for the Lotteries Bill, which that day was withdrawn in the Lower House, declaring fan-tan and pak-a-pu to be unlawful games, was introduced and passed through all its stages.

Early in the session Mr. Carruthers stated in the Assembly that he did not propose to have a Friday sitting. During last week he expressed the hope that the House would rise about next Tuesday, but since then the very close voting on the North Coast railway had shown him that it might be next to impossible to push that measure through. He would not say, however, that he was going to drop it, nor would he give any intimation as to his programme for the remainder of the session. But when the House met yesterday members did not seem at all surprised when the Premier intimated that he would ask for a Friday's sitting. It was subsequently stated in the lobbies that the North Coast Bill was to be dropped, that the Liquor Bill would be finished up, the Loan Estimates disposed of, and some time given to a discussion on the Federal complications, particularly in regard to the capital site, and, all that being done, that the House would rise at the end of Friday's sitting. Colour was lent to the last statement by the action of the Government representative in the Council in asking that chamber to meet on Friday.

The business in the Legislative Assembly threatened at an early stage of the proceedings to be blocked by a motion for adjournment. Mr. Griffith wanted to discuss the decision of the Government that the proceedings of the Railway Royal Commission should not be open to the press. The Premier said there was no such decision, and that a newspaper paragraph stating that there was had been written under a misapprehension. He had told the reporter that in his opinion it would not be wise to have the proceedings reported day by day, but then he had added officially that he had written to the commissioners, telling them the matter of publicity was for them to settle. A short discussion ranged round a point of order submitted that the adjournment of the House could not be moved on a mythical postulate. The leader of the Opposition and some other members argued strongly in favour of an open inquiry, and then the Premier said that at an informal meeting of the commission they had partially decided to hold the inquiry with open doors. Mr. Griffith thereupon agreed to withdraw his motion, but said that unless that decision was formally confirmed by the next day he would move it again when the House reassembled.

Mr. Ashton moved the second reading of his Land Act (Amendment) Bill, a partial summary of which has already been published. The bill proposed to create a new form of tenure called conditional purchase lease, which he said would be something like the tenure of the homestead selection. It would be a lease for 40 years in four 10-year periods, and after it had been held for the first decennial period it might be converted into a conditional purchase. The object was to reduce the initial cost to the lowest possible limits while the land was being got in order. Residence conditions were also to be relaxed, so that they could be performed in the neighbouring town or village. That, while it would preserve the essence of the closer settlement idea, would enable men to put in their spare time at employment which would bring them in some remuneration. To avoid dummying or aggregation, no person could become a transferee of one of these holdings if he already held one. Another proposition was to modify the ballot system, so as to eliminate from it as far as possible the element of the gambling sweep. There were also some provisions to amend the forestry laws, mainly in the direction of the measurement of timbers and the assessment of royalties.

The burden of the debate which ensued was that such an important measure should not have been delayed to the closing hours of the session, though, with the exception of the forestry provisions, there was a general approval of the proposals. The Minister explained that he had not expected the bill would be controversial, and so as to facilitate its passage he would withdraw the forestry proposals. Mr. Nielsen was afraid that it would be unwise to rush hastily into the adoption of any new form of tenure, and as to the ballot system he thought classification of applicants before ballot was a sine qua non of success. It was curious to see how opinions clashed on the question of the timeliness of the measure, for while a great number insisted that it was absurdly late in the session for it, yet there were many who wanted to have at once, not only all that the bill proposed, but even more. Mr. McFarlane, for instance, urged that it should contain provision for the conversion of homestead selections into conditional purchases. Mr. Davidson could not speak too well of the proposed liberalisation of the residence conditions, because to their arbitrary nature in the past he attributed much of the delay in successfully opening up good land.

The new form of tenure found a straight-out opponent in Mr. Macdonell, who described it as a smart flank movement to do away with the leasing principle. He also wanted land board appointments so made as to assure that capable, impartial men, whose guiding thought should be other than squeezing the biggest rentals out of the people, should be appointed. Like Mr. Davidson, Mr. Ball was enthusiastic over the measure. It was late to bring it down, he admitted, but had it not been brought down there would have been an outcry throughout the country. A long debate ensued, and it was by no means uninteresting, though necessarily it traversed well-worn ground, but it had abundantly the saving grace of genuineness, and no doubt the Minister himself would have confessed that the House would have been unwise to rush in blindly to amend the already complicated land laws in particulars so important.

DISASTER RELIEF FUNDS.

DISSATISFACTION AT KURRI KURRI.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The New South Wales Public Disaster Relief Fund Committee have declined to hand over any of the funds collected by them in aid of the relief of distress in the district to the Kurri Kurri relief committee, and state that only claims for death or disablement would be entertained. Great indignation prevails in the Kurri Kurri district in consequence of the action of the Sydney committee, because it is known that donations, including £100 from the East Greta Company, were given for the specific purpose of relieving distress at Stanford-Merthyr. The Kurri Kurri committee have given relief in 87 cases, which were fully investigated. In all cases the relief takes the form of food, no money being given. In consequence of the refusal of the Sydney committee to hand over the funds, the local committee will probably have difficulty in meeting the demands.

How Cricket is Taught at a Public School.—This week's "Mail" contains a unique page of snapshots, showing how the pupils of Fort-street are taught to play the "King of Games."—Advt.

THE COMMONWEALTH.

IN FEDERAL SESSION.

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The ratification or otherwise of the agreement concluded by Sir Edmund Barton in 1903 with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., has been under discussion in the Senate all day. It is one of those matters on which a very strong difference of opinion exists in the States House, partly because the Pacific cable is owned by several parts of the Empire, and partly because the Eastern Extension Co. is a private concern. It was recognised during the debate that the Eastern Extension Co. had an interminable agreement with South Australia, Western Australia, Tasmania, and New South Wales prior to this one being concluded by Sir Edmund Barton, and that this was a better one than the one which it was proposed to supplant was tacitly admitted, but a doubt arose whether after the proposed agreement expired the company might not be able to fall back upon its old interminable agreement. Another doubt was whether article 25, which recites that "This agreement shall remain in force until the 31st October, 1913, and thenceforth until terminated by a two calendar years' notice in writing by either party, such notice to expire at the end of some calendar year," was sufficient to put an end to all trading agreements between the company and Commonwealth or States. The problem during the afternoon was to find some means of making it plain that the bargain under consideration should end at the earliest possible period. Senator O'Keefe proposed an amendment simply reciting that it should end at the close of a ten-year period, but the Government opposed it on the ground that it could not be accepted by the company, inasmuch as it would annul all agrements for leases of land. At 6 o'clock the debate was suspended that the Government might think out some amendment which would express the views of the Senate and at the same time not be couched in such language that the company might possibly accept it. This was proposed in the evening by Senator Walker, and recited shortly that the perpetual agreement with the States named should be finally abandoned, and that this agreement should terminate without fail at the end of 1915. Senator Dobson objected, and moved an amendment that the agreement should end at the close of 1913, but was beaten by 11 votes to 9.

Senator Walker's amendment was debated for a long time, and was carried on the voices. The main question, with the amendment tacked on, was then put to the vote, and agreed to by 13 votes to 10, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The first of the signs that the Government wishes to bring the session to a close before Christmas was manifested to-day, when the House of Representatives met at half-past 10 o'clock a.m. for the transaction of business, but the Government does not yet claim to know when it can shut up the national talking shop. The work on hand was the debate on the second reading of the Immigration Restriction Act Amendment Bill. Mr. Joseph Cook supported it as an instalment of legislation which would assist to remove from Australia the stigma which has for the past four years rested upon her. It was also a sign that the Government was recognising the altered conditions consequent on the rise of a new Power in the East. There was general debate on the motion that the bill be read the second time, which lasted until late in the afternoon, and then the second reading was carried by 39 votes to 6, the latter being composed exclusively of members of the Labour party. Then the committee stage began. The bill as drawn provided that the education test might be in any language prescribed by regulation, and not necessarily a European language. An amendment sought to enact that no regulation prescribing any language should have any force until it had been before Parliament for 30 days, and unless in that time no resolution disapproving of it has been passed.

The Prime Minister proposed an addition to new sub-clause "A" of clause 3, providing that any person who fails to pass the education test in any "prescribed" language should be a prohibited immigrant. Mr. Webster could not see the utility of any prescribed language. He wanted a European one, and proposed an amendment to that effect. He was beaten hollow when the division was taken. The Prime Minister then submitted an amendment that any regulation prescribing the language in which the education test might be applied should be of no effect until it had been before Parliament for 30 days, during which time, if any resolution disapproving of this language is tabled, it shall be still further suspended. Messrs. Joseph Cook and Dugald Thomson gave it out that this was an abdication of Ministerial responsibility. What was to happen if one House disapproved of the regulation and the other did not? That point had not struck Mr. Deakin before to-day, and he now hastened to draft an amendment providing that the disapproval of one House should be tantamount to a disapproval of both Houses. This was agreed to, and the clause went through. Clause 6, which permits of an arrangement being made with any country for the admission of its subjects without passing the education test, gave Ministers further opportunity of evading responsibility. Mr. Higgins moved an amendment, which the Prime Minister accepted in quick time. The bill then went through committee without further material amendment, and was passed through its remaining stages.

The amendments made by the Senate in the Commerce Bill were approved, and the House adjourned.

SENATORS' PERQUISITES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Last week questions were asked in the Senate regarding the postage and telegram money *paid for individual senators*, and it was promised that a return should be furnished. To-day the President laid returns on the table covering the period from December 1, 1904, to November 23, 1905. The following information was contained in it:—

Names.	Postages.			Telegrams.			Total.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Sir Rich. Baker (S.A.)	3	6	1	0	12	0	3	18	1
Best (Vic.)	0	2	8		—		0	2	8
Clemons (Tas.)	0	5	2	0	15	1	1	0	3
Croft (W.A.)	6	3	5	3	11	3	9	14	8
Dawson (Q.)	2	17	2	2	13	5	5	10	7
De Largie (W.A.)	4	11	2	3	0	7	7	11	9
Dobson (Tas.)	3	19	9	9	6	1	13	5	10
Drake (Q.)	1	14	9	2	18	3	4	13	0
Findley (Vic.)	0	11	5	0	8	8	1	0	1
Fraser (Vic.)	0	4	11	0	1	3	0	6	2
Givens (Q.)	2	0	0	6	1	7	8	1	7
Gould (N.S.W.)	1	11	2	1	4	7	2	15	9
Gray (N.S.W.)	3	14	1	1	5	7	4	19	8
Guthrie (S.A.)	5	12	6	3	16	10	9	9	4
Henderson (W.A.)	1	9	1	0	12	0	2	1	1
Higgs (Q.)	5	17	0	3	1	6	8	18	6
Keating (Tas.)	7	1	9	10	2	7	17	4	4
MacFarlane (Tas.)	1	3	1	5	7	5	6	10	6
Millen (N.S.W.)	0	11	1	2	7	7	2	18	8
Matheson (W.A.)	5	16	1	0	14	8	6	10	9
McGregor (S.A.)	5	14	8	0	10	1	6	4	9
Mulcahy (Tas.)	0	18	10	2	6	9	3	5	7
Neild (N.S.W.)	6	6	7	1	10	9	7	17	4
O'Keefe (Tas.)	5	1	2	3	12	1	8	13	3
Pearce (W.A.)	5	11	2	7	0	6	12	11	8
Playford (S.A.)	0	7	3	0	10	1	0	17	4
Pulsford (N.S.W.)	2	6	4	6	13	10	9	0	2
Smith (W.A.)	4	7	8	3	2	2	7	9	10
Stewart (Q.)	4	7	6	0	4	3	4	11	9
Story (S.A.)	3	12	4	0	13	8	4	6	0
Styles (Vic.)	0	6	11	0	1	2	0	8	1
Sir Josiah Symon (S.A.)	2	5	3	2	12	4	4	17	7
Trenwith (Vic.)	0	0	8		—		0	0	8
Turley (Q.)	4	5	11	0	14	11	5	0	10
Walker (N.S.W.)	1	18	8	13	13	7	15	12	3
Sir. Wm. Zeal (Vic.)	0	1	10		—		0	1	10

CIGAR MAKERS' COMPLAINT.

The Minister for Customs was asked to-day by a deputation of cigar makers to vary the Customs regulation, which provides that the Customs stamp shall be placed on the end of each box of cigars, instead of on the bottom. They contended that it was a disfigurement, and was, moreover, against the established custom in every country.

Sir William Lyne promised to consult his departmental officers, and if they showed that the new regulation was a good one he would continue it. If not, he would have it altered. He understood, however, that makers in New South Wales did not object to it.

The deputation urged that nearly all Australian-made cigars were made in Victorian factories, and that the New South Wales factories were only small ones. They had not had much experience in that State.

SYDNEY GENERAL POST OFFICE.

The Minister for Home Affairs has ordered that additional accommodation for private letter boxes shall be given in the Sydney General Post Office.

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

Some delays have occurred with respect to giving effect to a number of military appointments which had been practically agreed upon for some time past. It appears that a memorandum *from* the Colonial Defence Committee in London goes a great deal further into the military organisation of Australia than has ever been disclosed, even by the Minister for Defence when he moved the second reading of the Appropriation Bill last month. Some of the recommendations mentioned in the memorandum, would, it is stated, cause a division of several brigades into separate units, and in consequence some of the higher appointments would be unnecessary. However, it is understood that there is little probability of these recommendations being adopted, and in all probability a meeting of the Military Board will be held to-morrow to decide the question, as it is admitted that it is not desirable that officers should be kept any longer in suspense.

DUTY ON TEA PACKAGES.

The Minister for Customs was waited on today by a merchant, who brought under his notice the fact that materials forming the packages in which tea is imported are admitted free of duty if tea is packed in them when they arrive here. If the materials are imported they are dutiable.

Sir William Lyne said he saw some difficulty in the way in which the tariff was worded, but he would consult with the Attorney-General, and see whether this anomaly could be removed.

NAVIGATION COMMISSION AND MAIL STEAMERS.

One of the clauses of the interim report of the Navigation Commission contains a recommendation that mail steamers running between Western Australia and Adelaide—not Fremantle, as was at one time suggested—should be exempt from the provisions of the Navigation Bill with regard to the rates of wages ruling. In discussing this matter some members of the commission thought that the same condition should apply to mail steamers all round Australia, and originally there was an equality of voting on this proposal, but some members were absent. At a fuller meeting the matters was again brought up, and a vote taken, which resulted in a majority being against it. It is not now quite certain whether this exemption is to extend to steamers plying between Fremantle and Singapore.

TUBERCULOSIS CURE.

EXPERIMENTS GIVE HOPE.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Experiments carried out at Melun, France, shew that Professor Behring's prophylactic *is completely efficacious* against bovine tuberculosis.

The fundamental conception of Professor Behring's new method, writes the "Lancet," seems to be the production of a "cellular" rather than a humoral or an antitoxic immunity, induced by a modified constituent of the tubercle bacillus. This substance in its native state he has tentatively termed T.C., while, when it is modified by the cellular activity, he refers to it as T.X. He states that, in his opinion, in the process of immunisation of cattle against tuberculosis the T.C. is freed from other substances, and exercises a specific action on the tissue cells, especially those of the germ centres of lympoid organs. The T.C. is to be regarded as the cause on the one hand of the "hypersensibility" to Koch's tuberculin, and on the other hand of the protective reaction against tuberculosis. Part of Professor Behring's experiments have been directed to saving the organism the labour of elaborating the T.C., which he has been able to effect in vitro; in other words, to substitute a passive immunisation for an active one. He then goes on to state that as a result of his researches he is able to distinguish three groups of bacillary materials. First, there is a substance which he refers to as T.V., and which represents the toxic factor of Koch's tuberculin, but a gramme in the dried state is more powerfully toxic than a litre of Koch's tuberculin; secondly, there is a globulin called T.G.L., which also is toxic, after the manner of Koch's tuberculin; thirdly, there are several non-toxic substances. The bacillus deprived of these three groups of bodies is referred to as the "rest bacillus," which retains the shape and staining reactions of the tubercle bacillus itself. By means of certain preparations, the nature of which Professor Behring withholds, this "rest bacillus" can be transformed into an amorphous substance, which is capable of being absorbed by the lymphoid cells of certain animals, such as the guinea-pig, rabbit, sheep, goat, ox, and horse. On absorption of this substance the cells change, and coincidently with this change the condition of immunity develops. A point of great importance is that the T.C., although a non-living substance, is capable of producing tubercles, which, however, neither caseate nor soften, and correspond in all details to "the tuberculous granulation" of Laennec. Professor Behring does not propose to publish the therapeutic section of his work until the efficacy and innocuous nature of his new remedy has been established by clinicians. He also thinks that it is advisable that his experiments on animals should be controlled by observers in other laboratories, to some of whom he offers to supply his "remedy" for that purpose.

THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

The sale to-day was firm with keen competition, and full prices were realised.

Dec. 6.

At the wool sales yesterday the following prices were realised for the undermentioned clips:—Momba, 8½d; Yanrey, 9¼d; Charleton, 10 7-8d; Widglewa, 11¾d; Kerarbury, 11¼d; Barrapta, 11 5-8d; Cobrau, 14d.

STRENGTH OF THE SQUADRON.

SUPERIOR NEW FLAGSHIP.

PERTH, Wednesday.

"The Australian people may regard the sending of the Powerful as the flagship of this station as a compliment." Such was the emphatic statement of an officer of the ship made to a press representative. "Look at her size and speed. She is a beautiful ship, and carries a larger complement, with the exception of the Terrible, than any vessel in the navy. We left home with 1200 men on board. At Malta 300 supernumeraries for the Mediterranean fleet left, so now our complement is 900."

"The feeling here is that the Euryalus would prove more serviceable."

"The impression is not a correct one. The Euryalus was sent home, in accordance with the carrying out of the scheme which aims at securing what is termed homogeneity of squadrons, and the more the conditions governing the naval defence of the Empire are studied, the more the necessity for retaining this homogeneity will be realised.

"The Lords of the Admiralty are more than making up any loss caused by recent withdrawals and changes on the Australian station by the class of cruisers they are sending out. The Encounter will replace the Wallaroo and the Katoomba, meeting those vessels at Trincomalee. Here is a change that adds greatly to the strength of the squadron. How many Wallaroos and Katoombas would be a match for the Encounter?"

SCENE AT AN EXECUTION.

THE GUILLOTINE IN NOUMEA.

NOUMEA, Wednesday.

This morning at daylight an Arab recidiviste was publicly guillotined in the public square, near the market place, Noumea, for murdering another recidiviste some months ago at the Isle of Pines. The execution was in public, as a deterrent, owing to the frequency of murders among Arabs. The guillotine, with the coffin, was placed in the centre of the square, with a cordon of 150 soldiers. About 1000 spectators were present. Owing to the death of the executioner, the duty was performed by a novice, who, through nervousness, succeeded only in decapitating the culprit after the knife had been dropped three times, the operation lasting 14 minutes. The spectacle during the struggles of the condemned man was sickening.

Footballers, Note.—This week's "Sydney Mail" produces the finest double page group photograph ever published. It contains life-like portraits of the all-conquering New Zealand Football Team in their "all-black" costumes, and should be framed by all lovers of the game.—Advt.

THE REVOLUTION.

PEASANTS IN ARMS.

OFFICIALS DEPOSED.

AWFUL MASSACRES.

CHANGE OF MINISTERS RUMOURED

LONDON, Dec. 5.

There are risings of peasants in all parts of Russia.

The peasants in several of the provinces killed all cattle they required for food, and then slaughtered the rest of the cattle to intimidate the landlords.

The peasants also burnt large stores of corn and many agricultural implements.

Dec. 6.

Peasants have deposed the clergy and officials, and have installed their own officials. Peasants have also prevented landowners selling grain. They have proclaimed that the forests are communal property.

Bands of criminals are scouring the provinces, sacking mansions and burning cattle in their stalls.

ODESSA MASSACRES.

CHILDREN TORTURED TO DEATH.

MINISTERING NUNS MURDERED.

Mr. Kenna, the correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle," telegraphs: "Hooligans at Odessa on Sunday tortured and killed Jewish children in the presence of their parents, who were then massacred. The houses of the Jews were looted.

"Hundred of corpses lie in the streets of the city.

"Nuns offering help to the wounded were killed."

Fifty thousand inhabitants have quitted Odessa owing to terrorism.

AVERTING A GENERAL STRIKE.

RAILWAY LEADERS PARDONED.

General Sakhaloff has overruled the death sentence passed on an engine-driver and other leaders of the railway men, in response to the ultimatum delivered by the men. By this act of clemency the Government has averted a general railway strike.

The State Bank employees have formed a union, and they invite employees of provincial branches to join.

A truncated message from St. Petersburg mentions that a court martial has sentenced to death three socialists, including a colonel's son, for plotting against General Trepoff.

Cossacks charged a meeting of telegraph strikers at St. Petersberg, using their whips, and trampling on many. The gathering was dispersed.

WORKMEN CHANGING.

ECONOMIC, NOT SOCIAL REFORMS.

One thousand workmen at St. Petersburg declined to listen to speeches of social democrats, who put political chimeras in the forefront of their programme instead of economic salvation. The meeting resolved to form monster unions in pursuance of Father Gapon's advice, and urged Counte Witte to grant an amnesty to Father Gapon, whose name was frequently and boisterously cheered.

Father Gapon was present at the meeting, but was not recognised. Similar meetings have been held elsewhere.

[Father Gapon formerly acted as a police spy. Although he led the workers on Vladimir's Day right up to the troops, he was not among the massacred, a very significant fact. He disappeared for a time. Now we have him back in St. Petersburg, trying to divide the workers. He who led thousands of workers on Red Sunday declares that revolutionists should be more cautious, and that unless their leaders refrain from rushing into action, and then withdrawing when tens of thousands have been cast on to the streets, cold and hungry, the revolutionary spirit would weaken, and the masses, losing their self-respect, would join the black hundred and the dregs of society.]

TROOPS FLOOD THE CAPITAL.

ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHORTLY.

Sixty thousand men are under arms in St. Petersburg. The First Army Corps, now in Manchuria, will arrive in St. Petersburg in a week.

The Government has lost all authority in the Baltic provinces. The military are fraternising with the revolutionaries.

The ferment among the marines at Libau continues.

CZAR READY FOR FLIGHT.

GERMAN SQUADRON ESCORT.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

It is reported at Kronstadt that a German squadron is in the Baltic.

The presence of this squadron is considered to portend the flight of the Czar.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "*Figaro*" states that Count Witte, the Prime Minister, has submitted to his colleagues a scheme of universal suffrage.

Telegrams from St. Petersburg sent by train to the frontier for transmission thence by wire indicate that the situation is extremely critical.

TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION.

MILITARY OPERATORS.

Military telegraphists maintain communication between Warsaw, Peterhof, Tsarskoe Selo, and the Government offices at St. Petersburg.

The public is deprived of the use of the wires owing to the Government monopolising them.

Telegrams from Warsaw are reaching Dantzic.

SIGNIFICANT DEFECTION.

The "Novoe Vremya," of St. Petersburg, which has been considered an organ of the Grand Ducal party, has abandoned the Government, and denounces the prohibition of the Postal and Telegraph Union.

MUTINEERS' TRIAL.

OFFICERS MURDERED.

The mutineers at Sebastopol have been tried by court-martial.

Reports have been received from Peking that Russian soldiers at Harbin, Manchuria, are forcibly seizing food, and have murdered several of their regimental commanders.

TO SUPERSEDE COUNT WITTE.

PLACATING THE MASSES.

M. Gouchkoff or Professor Migoulin is likely to supersede Count Witte. They propose a distribution of the State domains to the peasants, and old-age pensions to workmen.

Ministers have endorsed an electoral law, based on universal and indirect suffrage. The Council of the Empire, however, is not likely to confirm the law.

CZAR'S PATHETIC APPEAL.

WINNING DISAFFECTED REGIMENT.

Reviewing on Monday the Simonouska Regiment, which is suspected of disaffection, the Czar passed barehaded along the lines with a bishop. As the latter in the course of a religious service sprinkled the men with holy water the Czar made a vigorous speech, at the conclusion of which he drank to the health of the regiment.

NO DEFAULT IN PAYMENT.

THE BOURSES STEADIED.

A statement made by M. Rouvier, the French Prime Minister, that payment of interest coupons for Russian stocks is assured for two or three years has steadied the bourses.

SWEDISH WARSHIPS DESPATCHED.

Sweden will send two warships to Russia to protect Swedes and repatriate any of her nationals desiring it.

BRITISH MINISTRY.

SIR H. CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN ACCEPTS.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman had an audience of the King lasting an hour, and accepted the task of forming a Ministry. He will receive a visit from the Duke of Devonshire.

Dec. 6.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman kissed hands on his appointment as a Minister, and expressed the hope that he would submit a list of his Ministry to the King on Monday.

It is expected that the dissolution of Parliament will take place before the middle of January, and that the Houses will meet before the end of February.

Forecasts of members of the Ministry beyond those telegraphed yesterday include Mr. John Morley as Secretary of State for India, the Earl of Aberdeen Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Mr. Lloyd George, President of the Local Government Board.

GERMANS IN CHINA.

A LIMITED FREE PORT.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

At Berlin a semi-official statement is made that the agreement for the placing of a Chinese Customs-house at Tsing-tau, Kiao-chau, with 20 per cent. of the revenue so collected for Germany, concluded between Baron Mumm von Schwartzenstein, the German Minister at Peking, and Sir Robert Hart, the Director of Chinese Maritime Customs, creates a limited free port of the territory, and places the remainder of the protectorate within the Chinese Customs area.

TURKEY YIELDS.

POWERS' CONTROL ACCEPTED.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

When the fleets of the Powers were preparing to seize the island of Tenedos and the town of Smyrna, the Porte accepted the demand of the Powers to hand over the financial control of Macedonia to agents appointed by them. The acceptance is subject to certain modifications, which the ambassadors at Constantinople are now examining.

STATION ROOF COLLAPSES.

THEATRE WALL DEMOLISHED.

SIX DEATHS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

A starting accident happened at Charing Cross yesterday. The roof of the station, which is undergoing repairs, collapsed while workmen were on it, and demolished the east wall of the Avenue Theatre, where the proprietor, architect, and others were consulting with reference to alterations.

The fall on the stage of machinery and masonry injured many people.

Later.

Two workmen were killed in the theatre and four in the railway station. Eight men were seriously injured, and twenty slightly injured.

Those on the stage fled at the first signs of the collapse, and narrowly escaped.

SIR JOHN FISHER.

ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Admiral Sir John Arbuthnot Fisher, First Sea Lord of the Admiralty, has been promoted Admiral of the Fleet.

CHURCH AND STATE IN FRANCE.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Senate has adopted the bill for the separation of the Churches and the State, as passed by the Chamber of Deputies.

GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

AMERICAN IMMIGRANTS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

One million immigrants entered America during the year which ended June 30.

COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

Earl Grey, Governor-General of Canada, has informed Mr. A. Lyttelton, the retiring Secretary of State for the Colonies, that Canada does not object to the Colonial Conference being held in 1907.

THE ROYAL TOUR.

The Prince and Princess of Wales are at Lord Kitchener's camp at Seraikala, witnessing the manoeuvres of 50,000 troops.

PRECEDENCE FOR PRIME MINISTER.

King Edward has decided that as the precedence of the Prime Minister has not been heretofore defined by due authority he shall take his place next after the Archbishop of York.

SECOND EDITION

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

THE AMENDING LAND BILL.

The Legislative Assembly continued its sitting after our first edition went to press. The Lands Bill was under discussion in committee.

On clause 7—"No appeal on matters of fact to the Land Appeal Court,"

Objection was taken that an obviously wrong decision might be given by a land board and there would be no redress.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS moved to provide that in any case the Minister could refer a board decision for final decision by the Appeal Court.

That was agreed to.

On clause 17—"Residence condition,"

An appeal was made to the Minister to so modify the clause as to entrust the Minister with discretionary power to altogether absolve lessees from residence under special circumstances.

The Minister, however, was disinclined to extend the concession beyond the provision in the clause which attached a 10 years' residence condition, but provided that it might for special reasons be suspended, or that the commencement of performance of residence might be put off for five years.

Mr. Neilsen failed to excise a part of the clause giving the Board power to permit the residence condition to be performed in any adjacent village or town. The voting was 42 to 12 against him.

The Labour party called for a division against the new tenure clause, but the clause was carried by 46 to 16.

The clauses relating to timber were, at the request of the Minister for Lands, negatived, and the bill was passed through committee.

The House was sitting at 3 a.m.

THE TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

At the sales of Australian tallow to-day 1608 casks were offered, and 485 were sold. Prices were:—Mutton, fine 33s 6d, medium 27s 6d; beef, fine, 29s 6d, medium, 26s 6d per cwt.

SILVER.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 5 9-16d per ounce standard, an advance of 3-16d since yesterday.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS.

CONTROLLING THE RAILWAYS.

A CAUSE OF DECLINING BIRTHRATE.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

The Congress of the United States was opened at Washington yesterday. The *President's message*, which was a paraphrase of the speech which he delivered at Atlanta in October last, recommended a suppression of railway rebates, and emphasised the evils of over-capitalisation.

Mr. Roosevelt also recommended that legislation should be enacted protecting working women, and in this connection he noted that the decrease in the marriage and the birth rate was coincident with the introduction of women into industry.

The message mentioned that the treaty between the United States and Santo Domingo prevented any European Powers seizing that territory.

President Roosevelt's attitude to the great corporation of the United States is made plain by the following extract from his speech at Atlanta on October 20:—"Undoubtedly there is need of regulation by the Government, in the interest of the public, of these great corporations, which in modern life have shown themselves to be the most efficient business implements, and which are therefore the implements commonly employed by the owners of large fortunes. The corporation is the creature of the State. It should always be held accountable to some sovereign, and this accountability should be real, and not sham. Therefore, in my judgment, all corporations doing an interstate business, and this means the great majority of the largest corporations, should be held accountable to the Federal Government, because their accountability should be co-extensive with their field of action. But most certainly we should not strive to prevent or limit corporate activity. We should strive to secure such effective supervision over it, such power of regulation over it, as to enable us to guarantee that its activity will be exercised only in ways beneficial to the public."

INDIA FOR THE INDIANS.

BOYCOTT OF EUROPEAN SUGAR.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

Brahmin agitators in the Punjab have secured a boycott of European sugar, alleging that it is refined with bonedust and ox blood. Brahmins threaten the users of European sugar with excommunication.

A serious dislocation of trade is feared.

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.

JOURNALISTS' ACRIMONY.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Increasing acrimony on the part of leading Paris and Berlin journals on the eve of holding the International Conference respecting reforms in Morocco occasions uneasiness.

M. Clemenceau, writing in "L'Aurore," complains of browbeating on the part of Germany, and says it is impossible to live at peace with the excessively ambitious German Emperor.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" says it is impossible to regard the approach of the conference without apprehension, and that M. Rouvier, the French Minister for Foreign Affairs, like M. Delcasse, who formerly held that portfolio, is certain to be the henchman of Great Britain.

NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

OFF THE PORTUGUESE COAST.

LONDON, Dec. 6.

It is officially announced that the Channel, the Atlantic, and the Mediterranean fleets, with three squadrons of armoured cruisers, will assemble off the coast of Portugal *in the middle of February*, to execute combined exercises under the chief direction of Sir Arthur Wilson, Commander-in-Chief of the Channel fleet.

PROTECTION OF TRADE.

PERTH (W.A.), Wednesday.

According to a naval officer aboard the Powerful, the Australian squadron will take part, and most probably will work in connection with the other squadrons in the great scheme of naval manoeuvres in June, when every British ship in the fighting line—that is, every vessel commissioned in every squadron—and every vessel will be on a war footing and ready for sea—will participate. These manoeuvres are to take the form of a rehearsal of the measures necessary for the protection of the Empire's trade in time of war.

BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

Except the "Vossiche Zeitung," of Berlin, the organ of the Liberal party, most of the German newspapers throw upon Great Britain the onus of effecting reconciliation with Germany, and do not believe that the meetings recently held in London for the purpose of bringing about better relations with Germany will lead to a change in Great Britain's policy.

At a meeting of retail tobacconists, it was resolved to form a distributing company for the purpose of saving the distributors' profits for the retailers.

TRAM SMASH IN THE CITY.

SENSATIONAL ACCIDENT IN GEORGE-STREET.

CAUSED BY A RUNAWAY TRAM.

SEVEN PERSONS INJURED.

The most sensational tram accident that has occurred in Sydney for some years happened late last night in George-street, Haymarket. A tram bound from Circular Quay to Dulwich Hill crashed into another tram near Campbell-street, just outside the post-office. Seven persons were injured, two so seriously that they had to be admitted to the Sydney Hospital for treatment.

The tram which was responsible for the startling incident left Circular Quay at 10.23 p.m. for Dulwich Hill. It consisted of two cars, which had a fair complement of passengers, including a number of women and children. The driver was William Anderson, 30 years of age, and there were two conductors, John Rooney and John Hunt. The two last-named escaped unhurt, but Anderson was one of the two who sustained severe injuries. Everything appears to have gone well with the tram until near Liverpool-street. On leaving Bathurst-street the cars appeared to be travelling at the ordinary rate of speed. The passengers saw no cause for alarm. When within the distance at which the pace of the tram is slackened so as to pull up at the ordinary stopping place those on the car were surprised to find that the tram, instead of decreasing, was rapidly increasing its speed. Even at this stage no thought of disaster entered the minds of the travellers, but all eyes were turned towards the direction of the driver. They saw Anderson make every endeavour to bring the cars to a standstill. He was employing all the brakes, without the desired result.

Liverpool-street was passed rapidly, and the momentum the tram had gained from Bathurst-street made the tram rush down Brickfield Hill like "a flash," as one eye-witness described it. Anderson was still at his post, and working with a will to stop the tram. But he was fighting against hope. Every second the cars were increasing their speed at such a rate as to cause consternation among the passengers. Immediately after passing Liverpool-street Anderson, finding his efforts were fruitless, commenced to clang the bell loudly, to warn pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and as a signal to the cars which had preceded him. The noise made by the bell quickly attracted the attention of passers-by and drivers of vehicles, who were startled to see the tram careering down the hill at such a tremendous rate.

From Goulburn-street Anderson observed a tram, which was proceeding to Pyrmont, about 100 yards in front of him. He never ceased ringing the bell, and hoped that the warning signal he was giving would be observed by the driver of the Pyrmont tram, consisting of one car, containing a few passengers. The distance between the two trams was rapidly becoming less, and when 20 yards away Anderson again ineffectually applied the brake. The versions given by eye witnesses and passengers as to what happened immediately prior to the collision differ considerably. Some stated that the Pyrment tram had just left the Campbell-street stopping place when the accident occurred, while others aver that it was stationary. The former theory is probably correct, for the damage done to the leading tram was but slight compared to the Dulwich Hill cars.

A TERRIFIC IMPACT.

The runaway tram crashed into the back portion of the Pyrmont tram with terrific force. The noise caused by the impact was likened to that of a muffled roar, and was heard a considerable distance away. Almost simultaneously with the collision there were screams of women and children, and the noise of breaking glass, and smashing of wood. The lights in the trams were extinguished, and those in the vicinity feared the worst. Passengers occupying seats in the inside of the Dulwich Hill tram were thrown about in all directions, while a number of those in the smoking compartment were hurled into the roadway. An indescribable panic then ensued. Those who had quickly regained their feet after the shock of the collision rushed from the cars to ascertain if their friends were injured, and also to find out the extent of the damage. The groans and cries of the injured were mingled with the piercing screams of women and children. Broken wood and glass were scattered over the street for some distance.

As an illustration of the noise caused by the collision, it might be mentioned that Senior-sergeant Kelly and Sergeant Bowler, of No. 2 station, who were on duty at the corner of Campbell and Elizabeth streets, were attracted to the scene by the crash. They hastened to the scene of the accident, where a great crowd of spectators had gathered. When something like order was restored the work of attending to the injured commenced. There were many willing hands, and cabs were quickly procured to take the victims to the hospital. There were anxious inquiries by persons for their friends. On all sides questions were asked as to the fate of tram-driver Anderson. The plucky fellow was found lying a few yards from the side of the car, and was in a semi-conscious condition. When all the injured persons were found they were placed in cabs and removed to the Sydney Hospital, some by friends, and others by civilians.

Fortunately, there were no passengers either on the front of the Dulwich Hill or the rear of the Pyrmont car. Had anyone been seated at the back of the latter tram it must have meant certain death, owing to the great force with which the runaway car struck the leading tram.

The first news of the accident received at Sydney Hospital was that a big tram smash had occurred, and that many people were seriously injured. The courteous attendant, Michael Flemming, at once delivered the message to the superintendent, Dr. Corbin, who immediately made preparations for their reception. A ward was set aside, and all available beds were brought into requisition, so that the institution would be ready for a large number of people. Dr. Corbin had the assistance of Drs. Kay and Marsh. On arrival at the hospital, the doctors saw that the accident was not so serious as at first supposed. The seven injured people were brought in within a few minutes of each other, and the three medical gentlemen at once set to work to relieve the sufferings of the victims.

THE INJURED.

The following is a list of the passengers who were hurt in the collision, and the nature of their injuries:—

Thomas Anderson, 30, tram driver, fractures of the left leg and right arm, and a lacerated wound on the forehead, about two inches long.

Mrs. Silberman, who resides in George-street West, contusions about the thigh, and lacerated wounds on the face.

Both were also suffering considerably from shock, and it was deemed advisable to detain them at the hospital for treatment.

The remaining five, after having had their injuries dressed, were able to go home. Mary Hart, 34, of Livingstone-road, Dulwich Hill, sustained abrasions on the cheek. Her son, Stanley Hart, aged 6 years, received a cut over the right eye, about two inches long. Doris Silberman, 17, had abrasions about the face and right foot. Thomas Lamb, 38, of 569 Harris-street, contusions on the right thigh; and Robert Ferguson, 47, railway clerk, residing at Fairfowl-street, Dulwich Hill, abrasions on the left knee and contusions on the left thigh.

SCENE OF THE COLLISION.

When a "Herald" representative visited the scene of the collision last night there were nearly one thousand persons present. The roadway was strewn with broken glass, pieces of iron, and wood. All this bore silent testimony to the force of the impact. The Dulwich Hill car was on the rails, but in a wrecked condition, so far as the front portion of the car was concerned. The ironwork was twisted into fantastic shapes, the partition separating the driver from the other part of the car was lying against the open seats, which were displaced, and the windows were smashed into fragments. The Pyrmont car was taken to the Ultimo Powerhouse, where an inspection revealed the fact that the iron and woodwork at the rear of the tram had been severely damaged, and several windows were broken. The work of clearing away the debris occupied some time. The damaged car was then coupled to the "breakdown," and was taken to the sheds at Ultimo.

A number of police, under Senior-sergeant Kelly, was present, to see that the tramway employees were not hampered in their work.

INTERVIEWS WITH PASSENGERS.

"A PLUCKY DRIVER."

Among the passengers on the Dulwich Hill tram was Mr. A. E. Wolfenden, of the London Bank of Australia, Pitt-street. When interviewed last evening, that gentleman stated:—"The accident occurred about 10.35 p.m. There was no sign of danger until we reached Liverpool-street, and I then saw that the driver had lost control of the tram, and that the cars were running away. The driver kept pluckily to his post, and continuously sounded the gong to attract attention. Great credit, I think, is due to the driver for the way he acted. He never lost his presence of mind."

Another passenger said the accident could be summed up in three words—Flash, Crash, and Smash. When the collision occurred there was a flash of electricity, followed by the smashing of glass and wood.

STATEMENT BY MR. KNEESHAW.

In the course of an interview early this morning, Mr. J. Kneeshaw, Superintendent of Tramways, stated that so far as could be ascertained the cause of the accident was inexplicable. All the appliances of the runaway tram had been examined, and were found to be in good order. The car, he said, had been running for some hours last evening prior to the mishap, and worked satisfactorily. The tram was making the second trip to Dulwich Hill when the collision occurred. It had been in charge of the same driver and conductors all last evening.

TRAM SERVICE DELAYED.

As a result of the collision the tram traffic was interfered with in George-street for nearly one hour. In order that passengers might not be put to any considerable inconvenience trams were run via Pitt and Elizabeth streets, and cars were also brought from the sheds at Ultimo, and started to run from the Railway.

MR. SEDDON TRIUMPHS.

HE SWEEPS THE POLLS.

NOT TEN OPPOSITIONISTS ELECTED.

WELLINGTON, Wednesday.

The election returns indicate that Mr. Seddon is sweeping the polls. At Wellington North Mr. Izard defeated Mr. Duthie by about 400 votes.

Mr. Fisher was elected for Central Wellington by a majority of over 400. Mr. Aitken is 6 votes to the good for the East, though absent voters, including seamen, will probably put him out.

At Dunedin North Mr. Bedford, who polled the highest vote in the colony at the last election, was defeated by nearly 300.

Mr. Buchanan, a rather prominent Oppositionist, was defeated for Wairarapa.

Mr. Seddon was re-elected by a great majority.

Mr. Carroll, *Minister for Native Affairs*, wins by 1500.

Mr. J. Vile, late member, and the Opposition candidate at Manawatu, dropped dead this evening at Shannon. His opponent is leading.

Mr. Hall-Jones, Minister for Works, was re-elected, as also was Mr. Mills, Minister for Customs.

At Dunedin Central Mr. Millar beat Mr. Adams, a *prominent* no-license advocate, by nearly 200.

Auckland West returned Mr. Poole (Independent) by a large majority.

At Christchurch North Mr. Taylor, chief of the new Liberal party, was beaten by 1067.

Mr. McGowan, Minister for Justice, has been returned by a majority of 1200.

Mr. Herdman, of Mount Ida, a prominent Oppositionist, defeated Sir William Russell, a very old Oppositionist, by over 1000 votes.

Thursday Morning.

It is impossible accurately to give the strength of parties at present, but the Opposition is reduced to fewer than 10 members. Mr. Seddon was speaking at 1 o'clock this morning.

LOCAL OPTION.

The local option returns are *far from* complete.

Newtown, where no-license was carried at the last poll, but was subsequently upset, declared for a continuance.

The same occurred at Wellington City.

In Kaiapoi, where no-license was confidently predicted, that issue was lost by about 300.

At Napier, where the reduction was carried at the last poll, and no-license was expected this time, there is a large majority for a continuance.

Reduction was carried at Taieri.

At Oamaru no-license was carried.

PERSONAL.

Sir Matthew Henry Stephen, formerly *acting Chief Justice* and Puisne Judge of the Supreme Court of this State, left London by the R.M.S. India on November 24 last, accompanied by Lady Stephen, and is expected to arrive in Sydney by the first week in January. It may also be mentioned that Sir M. H. Stephen was 77 on Tuesday last.

The hon. treasurer of the Boys' Brigade has received a note from Lord Jersey enclosing a donation of £20. His lordship writes: "The work of the institution is so pre-eminently useful in giving the chances of getting on as they grow older to boys who otherwise might sink in the struggle that I am glad to think that it continues to have many supporters."

A presentation was made to Mr. Charles S. Nicol, at the offices of Messrs. R. G. Dun and Co., to mark the occasion of his approaching marriage. A dinner service was presented on behalf of the office staff, whilst Mr. Green, on behalf of the firm, presents Mr. Nicol with a cheque.

Mr. H. Newton, eldest son of Captain H. Newton, Deputy Superintendent of Navigation at Newcastle, died at the residence of his father at Mayfield on Tuesday evening. The deceased, who was on a visit to the district for the benefit of his health, was 41 years of age, and has left a widow and family, residing in Sydney.

Dr. Hugh Busby, who has been resident in Gulgong for the past five years, was entertained at a smoke concert on Tuesday night, on the eve of his departure for Bathurst. The Mayor presided over a large attendance.

The death is announced of Mr. Robert Amos, the well-known railway contractor. The deceased gentleman, who was in his 73rd year, passed away yesterday, at his residence, Braeside, Victoria-street North. He was an old colonist, and was associated with the construction of several of the principal railway lines of the State.

At a largely-attended public meeting, convened by the Mayor, and held at Richmond on Tuesday night, it was decided to perpetuate the memory of the late Rev. Dr. Cameron, the veteran Presbyterian minister, who had *resided* in the town for over 50 years. The memorial will be of an educational character, open to children attending the Richmond Public School, but the exact form has not been definitely decided upon. A committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements, Mr. E. H. Street being honorary treasurer. A handsome memorial tablet is to be erected in the Presbyterian Church by members of the congregation.

Mr. Jos. Isherood, champion bowler of England, who is making a tour of the world, is at *present* on a visit to Bendigo.

An officer of H.M.S. Powerful, the new flagship of the Australian station, on being invited by our Perth (Western Australia) correspondent to communicate some information relating to the new Commander-in-Chief, said Admiral *Fawkes* is a most charming man, and a most able officer; indeed, his appointment to the Australian station is proof of the importance the Lords of the Admiralty attach to the Australian station. He was recently in command of the cruiser squadron; in fact, he has just relinquished it. He has never been in Australia before. His one idea is to make the squadron one of the most efficient in the British navy. The Admiral is equally enthusiastic on the subject of a colonial naval defence force, and his ripe experience, great ability, and enthusiasm will be found of immense service in helping forward everything connected with what we speak of at home as the naval reserve movement. As to the personnel of the ship, we are most fortunate in that particular. Captain Lionel Halsey may be described as a man with a great future. He was up at Ladysmith during the siege, holding then the rank of lieutenant on H.M.S. Terrible. While there he had charge of a 4.7in gun. Captain Halsey has not been in Australia before. In Lieutenant Evans, the Admiral's A.D.C., we have a first-class cricketer. Mr. Miller, the Admiral's secretary, has been to Australia before, as he was on the Ophir during the Royal tour. For several years prior to 1896 he was attached to the West Indies squadron, and before joining the Powerful was commissioned to the Royal yacht.

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THE EARL OF JERSEY.

VISIT TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

About half-past 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon the Earl of Jersey visited the Legislative Council, and by unanimous acclamation of the House was accommodated with a seat on the dais on the right of the President. His Lordship was very cordially received by hon. members, and the Vice-President of the Executive Council (Mr. J. Hughes) moved "that this House desires to place on record its pleasure at the presence of the Right Hon. Earl of Jersey. (Cheers.) In submitting the motion he said that he was sure he would have the approval of the House when he stated that there was no visitor to the chamber who would be welcomed more cordially than the Earl of Jersey. (Cheers.) They had seen him there in his official capacity in former years, but he thought it was the first time that an ex-Governor of the State had returned to show the interest he still took in New South Wales. (Hear, hear.) They, therefore, welcomed him with very great pleasure. (Cheers.)

Sir Normand MacLaurin seconded the resolution, and said he wished to add his tribute of respect to what had already fallen from the leader of the House. When Lord Jersey was with them many years ago his admirable conduct as Governor of the State of New South Wales gained for him the esteem and respect of every member of the community, and when in England he thought nothing too great a trouble if the object was the advancement of the interests of New South Wales. (Hear, hear.) He had now returned to the State upon a temporary visit, and the warmth of the reception everywhere accorded to his Lordship showed the high respect that everyone entertained for him; and the members of the Legislative Council yielded to none in the esteem and respect entertained for his Lordship. (Hear, hear.)

The resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The President: Your Lordship,—It affords me very great pleasure to convey to you the pleasure that hon. members feel at your presence in the chamber. (Cheers.)

Lord Jersey (who in rising was warmly cheered), in responding to the compliment, said he felt in rather a strange position. There was a time when his entry into that chamber was viewed with anxiety and sometimes with relief, and on the present occasion they had conferred a great honour upon him in inviting him to sit with their President. They might be sure that he would not abuse the privilege. He thanked the Vice-President of the Executive Council and Sir Normand MacLaurin for the kind words they had used in regard to him, and he also thanked hon. members generally for their unanimous kindness in giving him a seat of honour. He felt sure that their deliberations would tend to the advancement of the country which he liked so well. In England he was separated from them by thousands of miles, but he knew they were all working together for the benefit of the people of New South Wales, and whatever it might be his lot to do for its advancement he would do with the greatest pleasure. (Cheers.)

AMONG THE BOWLERS.

LARGE GATHERING ON THE CITY GREEN.

The members of the City Club yesterday afternoon entertained Lord Jersey. It was a red letter day in the history of the metropolitan club. The green and pavilion were gay with bunting. The attendance of bowlers was not only large but thoroughly representative of the Bowling Association and the various suburban clubs. A large marquee, erected in the grounds, was set apart for the ladies, who dispensed afternoon tea. The company included the Lord Mayor and the town clerk, also many leading citizens. The Under-Secretary for Lands (Mr. McFarlane), as patron of the club, and Mr. Gosche (the president) received Lord Jersey, who arrived shortly before 4 o'clock. The general welcome by the bowlers on the green was a hearty one, and it was not long before Lord Jersey took to the slippers, and was actively engaged in leading a strong rink to victory. The match was one of eight rinks, giving a total of 64 players. The scene was an animated one, and for upwards of an hour exciting play was witnessed. It was Lord Jersey's team against Mr. Gosche's team, and the distinguished visitor not only won in his own rink, but in the totals of the match he had a substantial victory also. At 5 o'clock Lord Jersey was compelled to retire, in order to fulfil other engagements. But before taking his departure he met the company in the pavilion, where wine was uncorked, and Mr. Gosche, in proposing the health of Lord Jersey, referred to the fact that he was no stranger to the City green, and the members welcomed him on this occasion with considerable gratification. Lord Jersey had proved a worthy Governor of New South Wales, and bowlers in common with the citizens in general trusted the time would come when he would be Governor-General of Australia. These remarks were received with an outburst of cheering. The president said he would not detain them further, as Lord Jersey was anxious to get away.

Lord Jersey, in reply, said he would rather go on in the pleasant way he had been doing for the previous hour. He began on Saturday by being beaten. On Tuesday his friends came to the rescue and he finished with a tie. Now he was ahead, but the difficulty was to keep ahead in bowls. In fact it was so in all matters. He regretted that he could not stay and try. (Cheers.) However, he had had a very pleasant time among the bowlers, and he trusted the game would flourish, and that the greens would multiply. (Cheers.) He thanked them all for the very pleasant afternoon.

Lord Jersey took his departure amid cheers from all present, and the play was continued. At the conclusion it was found that Lord Jersey's team had won by 48 points. The following were the rinks and totals:—

	Lord Jersey's Team.	Mr. Gosche's Team.
Morgan, Hopkins, McLeod, Lord Jersey	17	—
Howie, McFarlane, Forsberg, Gosche	—	6
Roberts, Josephson, Shiels, Wallace	—	9
Forsyth, Lowden, Burnes, McClure	14	—
Marks, Myles, Hardy, Harris	39	—
Ford, Hoskings, Chapman, Wilkie	—	15
Goldfinch, Timothy, Cooper, Carrie	15	—
Lyon, Ross, Horrocks, Wheeler	—	20
Groth, Carter, Rummell, Aitken	22	—
Anderson, Lee, Rigg, Waring	—	17
Crouch, Hellyer, Kinnane, Bromwich	28	—
Smith, Russon, McLaughlin, Harrison	—	17
Ayres, Chandler, Lewis, Fuller	14	—
Pedley, Sutton, Blundell, Moran	—	23
Coppard, Rowsell, A. Scott, Howe	27	—
Passau, Hannam, Gelding, Bradbury	—	18
Totals	176	128

QUEENSLAND.

UNSTAMPED RECEIPTS.

A FINE POINT.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

At the Roma Police Court yesterday, William Bendick Murphy, justice of the peace, and a member of the Licensing Court, was proceeded against by the local Inspector of Stamps, upon three counts of having received £1, the receipt for which was liable to duty, but for which amounts the defendant in one instance gave a receipt for 19s 11d, and on two other occasions for 19s 11½d, with intent to evade the stamp duty. The police magistrate convicted the defendant on the first count, fining him £2 and costs. Defendant pleaded guilty to the second and third counts, and was fined 1s and costs. Notice of appeal was given against the finding on the first count.

H.M.S. PIONEER.

The cruiser Pioneer arrived from Chatham this morning. She proceeds to Sydney immediately. She brought mails for Cooktown and Brisbane from England.

THE MISHAP TO THE MORESBY.

REFLOATED WITHOUT DAMAGE.

Captain Finch, the commander of the island mail steamer Moresby, in the course of a letter received yesterday by his owners, Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, reports the mishap to his vessel in the Solomon Islands, referred to in yesterday's issue of the "Herald." Writing under date Samarai, British New Guinea, November 29, Captain Finch says:—"On the afternoon of November 19, when entering Gavutu Harbour, Solomon Island Group, the sun being right ahead, rendering it difficult to judge the distance through the glare, the ship took a sheer towards the beacon, and grounded very lightly on the end of the spit, which is composed of small dead coral. The Gavutu cargo was lightered sufficiently to allow her to float off and proceed to the wharf. A diver examined the ship's bottom, and reported that no damage had taken place—only a little paint scratched off."

It is expected that the vessel will arrive at Sydney on time-table date.

Mothers are grateful for California Syrup of Figs, the children like it so; it is "Nature's pleasant laxative"; as good for the mother as for the child.—Advt.

VICTORIA.

A DISPUTED PATENT.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

Mr. Justice Hodges delivered his reserved judgment to-day in the action brought by the Welsbach Light Company of Australia against Robert Lascelles and Co., for alleged infringement of a patent in placing on the market an incandescent mantle for gas lamps. The plaintiff company sought an injunction, and £1000 damages, and accounts. Mr. Justice Hodges decided that the plaintiff company had failed on the point of prior user. He gave judgment for defendant in the action, with costs, and as he found in favour of plaintiff company upon all the issues other than that of prior user, the plaintiff would be entitled to costs of all the other issues.

VALUE OF CITY PROPERTIES.

Several city properties were submitted for sale by auction to-day, but bidding in general was slack, and no business resulted. Among the lots offered was the Old White Hart Hotel, at the corner of Bourke and Spring streets. The building consists of four stories, having 65 rooms, and the land has a frontage of 66½ft to Bourke-street and 104ft into Spring-street. Two bidders came forward, and at £22,500—a sum far below the reserve—the property was passed in for private sale. The hotel commands a rental of £1210 per annum up to 1907, and of £1260 for the subsequent period.

LA BELLA WRECK.

WORK OF THE LIFEBOAT.

In his report concerning the work of the lifeboat crew at the wreck of La Bella, at Warrnambool, Mr. C. W. M'Lean, Engineer of Ports and Harbours, gave high praise to the superintendent, coxswain, and crew, and said the lifeboat was thoroughly seaworthy, and the rocket apparatus of modern type; but he recommended that some approved means of firing a short line should be supplied to all Victorian lifeboats. The Minister for Works has adopted the recommendation, which will cost about £15 per boat.

THE ALLEGED CURE FOR CANCER.

A deputation waited to-day upon the Premier to ask him to take some steps in testing the alleged cure for cancer which was practised by Mr. Davis. After a long interview consideration of the matter was postponed indefinitely.

The Premier said what he wanted, but was unable to get, either from Mr. Davis or those behind him, was some definite proposition upon which he could act. A suggestion was advanced by the deputation that the cure should be investigated by Dr. Norris (of the Board of Health) and other medical men, who might recommend cases and watch their progress.

MISS NELLIE STEWART'S FAREWELL.

Miss Nellie Stewart made a farewell appearance at the Princess Theatre to-night, in the presence of a densely crowded audience. The Premier, Mr. Bent, delivered a farewell speech.

FIRE IN A WAREHOUSE.

TWO FLOORS DESTROYED.

A fire broke out to-night in a four-storied building in Little Collins-street, occupied by James Aynsley and Co., importers of glass and crockeryware. The third and fourth floors were burnt out. The former was used as a storeroom, and the latter as a packing-room.

CONVICTED OF THEFT.

The re-trial took place in the Court of General Sessions to-day, before Judge Eagleson, of Fredk. Terence Farrelly, on one of the charges in relation to which juries had failed to agree at the September criminal sittings. The charge was that the accused had, while employed as a clerk in the Melbourne office of Reuter's Telegram Company, stolen three sums of money, viz., 12s 6d, 3s, and 15s. The jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the prisoner was remanded for sentence.

At the wool sales to-day a large and representative catalogue was submitted, and competition was very keen. A feature of the sale was the display of Tasmanian wools, both merino and crossbred. These were strongly competed for, and sold at extreme rates.

NEWCASTLE.

CONDITION OF THE HARBOUR.

NEWCASTLE, Wednesday.

The steamer Evandale, with coal for Hongkong, left Newcastle for Sydney to-day, to finish loading. She has on board 5150 tons coal, and requires another 300 tons to complete her cargo. This cannot be shipped here, as there is only 23ft 6in of water on the bar, and the vessel's present draught will just permit her to negotiate the harbour entrance with safety. There is considerable indignation at the condition of the harbour, and Captain Buyers, of the Evandale, asserts that the port appears to be worse than it was 11 years ago. In addition to the delay through having to proceed to Sydney, the steamer Evandale will be put to an additional expense of something like £100.

THE RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

The inquest in connection with the death of James Pead, who died from scalds received in the Thornton railway accident, was opened to-day at the Courthouse, before the City Coroner (Mr. C. Hibble). Mr. C. H. Stanger appeared for the Railway Department. Only formal evidence of identification was taken, and the inquest was then adjourned for a fortnight. Permission was given to dismantle the defective locomotive to enable the railway officials to ascertain what caused the accident. A telegram has been received from the Railway Commissioners, expressing regret at the accident, and sympathy with the widow of the deceased driver.

TROUBLE AT A MINE.

It is reported that trouble has arisen between the miners and the management at the Shortland Colliery, near the New Lambton pit. The miners have been paid by the skip, there being no weighbridge, and in place of paying a direct yardage rate, the miners driving headings and other narrow work have been paid about 3d per skip above the usual rate, as an equivalent to the district scale for yardage prices. That system has not been found fault with till recently, when the miners made a demand for the district yardage prices. It is anticipated that the difficulty will be amicably arranged.

ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY.

The third subscription concert of the Newcastle Orchestral Society was given in the Central Hall to-night, before a large audience. The programme, which was excellently arranged by the conductor, Mr. Edward King, included entr'acte from the Lohengrin Overture, "Midsummer Night's Dream," "Rosamunde," (Schubert), and "Scherzo" (Mendelssohn), and "Benedictus" (Mackenzie). The last two were encored. "Nocturne," a 'cello quartette, rendered by Messrs. J. G. Chidgey, R. Galton, J. Webb, and Signor F. Alberti, of Sydney, was much appreciated. The vocalists were Mrs. Florence Lang and Mr. H. H. Lang.

INTERSTATE CRICKET.

QUEENSLAND'S REPRESENTATIVES.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The following cricketers will represent Queensland against New South Wales:—G. S. Crouch, W. T. Evans, W. B. Hayes, T. Faunce, M. M'Caffrey, C. Morgan, T. Byrnes, J. Carew, J. Thompson, F. Tinbury, and N. K. Foster. The team leaves on the 14th inst., with Mr. A. E. Oxenham as manager.

AUSTRAL WHEEL RACE.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The twice postponed opening of the Austral meeting of the Melbourne Bicycle Club took place to-night on the Exhibition Oval, in the presence of about 5000 persons. The programme presented was that arranged for last Saturday night, and included three heats of the Austral Wheel Race, and as in these heats the competitors were mostly outmarkers, not much interest was taken in them. The Spring Stakes, over half a mile, produced some brilliant racing, but none of the back markers succeeded in getting into the semi-finals. The Bagot Mile, a scratch event, also provided excellent racing. Lawson and Rutt had a great set to in the first heat, and the former just won. The second heat resolved itself into a duel between Macfarland and Mayer, and the former won by half a wheel. Lawson won the Commonwealth Stakes, a 4-mile event, in 8m 27 2-5s. Rutt filled second place, and Horder third. Results were:—

The Austral.—Third heat: W. Fowler, 1; S. S. Levy, 2; L. M. Forsyth, 3. Time, 4m 21 2-5s. Fourth heat: P. J. O'Brien, 1; A. Butler, 2; F. Smith, 3. Time, 4m 27 1-5s. Fifth heat: D. Hall, 1; R. Moss, 2; L. Millar, 3. Time, 4m 17 2-5s.

Spring Stakes, half a mile.—Final heat: A. J. Whitely, 3lyds, 1; J. H. Sandberg, slyds, 2; H. Goodson, 5lyds, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 58s.

Bagot Mile.—Final: Lawson, 1; Macfarland, 2; S. E. Gordon, 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m 2? 3-5s.

NEW SOUTH WALES PARLIAMENT.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6.

The President took the chair at 4.30 p.m.

LIQUOR (AMENDMENT) BILL.

This bill was read the third time, and returned to the Assembly.

HOURS OF MEETING.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, it was resolved that the House should meet on the following day and also on Friday next at 2.30 p.m.

SYDNEY CORPORATION ACT AMENDMENT BILL.

This bill was received from the Assembly, and read the first time. The second reading was made an order of the day for the following day.

SYDNEY WATER SUPPLY CONDUIT ADDITIONAL WORKS BILL.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the second reading of this bill, and said that it was to authorise the expenditure of a total sum of £66,455 to complete the repair of the canal which had got out of repair. A difficulty in regard to the work had arisen while the sittings of the Public Works Committee were suspended, and it was found necessary to spend £10,000 of the amount stated, but the committee had approved of the expenditure as a work of urgent necessity.

The motion was agreed to, and the bill, by consent, was passed through its remaining stages.

WESTERN LANDS (AMENDMENT) BILL.

Mr. BRUNKER moved the second reading of this bill, and explained that the object of the measure was to render the working of the existing Act more efficient. He gave in detail the provisions of the measure.

Mr. BLACK said that the Western Lands Commission was doing good work, and it was a question whether it would not be wise to bring the administration of the whole of the lands of the State under a commission. There seemed to be an omission in the present bill of the provision to meet cases where a mortgagor had disappeared and could not be found, or had died, and to enable the Commissioners in such cases to take action.

The second reading of the bill was agreed to, and it was passed through committee without amendment. The third reading was made an order for the following day.

COUNTRY TOWNS' WATER AND SEWERAGE (AMENDMENT) BILL.

The VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL moved the second reading of this bill, and said it was practically a machinery bill, but contained a much-needed measure of local government in country towns in regard to water supply and sewerage.

Mr. BROWN said that if the bill passed they would shortly have the people concerned coming to the Government for relief from their burdens and for fresh legislation. He did not know of a greater scandal in connection with public works than in reference to country towns' water and sewerage supply. The estimate of cost was frequently exceeded by one-half, and sometimes the cost was three times the original estimate. In the case of the Hunter River Water Supply and Sewerage Works the estimate of £187,000 had been increased to £400,000, and he believed that the cost of the Cataract Dam had largely exceeded the original sum.

The second reading of the bill was then agreed to.

In committee, Sir Normand MacLaurin proposed an amendment in clause 31 ("Crown land ratable"), so as to render land vested in the Railway Commissioners, liable to sewerage rates. He thought that it was a most unfair thing to country municipalities that the Railway Commissioners, who were really merely a rich corporation, should escape the payment of this taxation.

After discussion, the amendment was withdrawn.

The bill was passed without material amendment.

FAN TAN AND PAK-A-PU.

On the motion of the Vice-President of the Executive Council, leave was given to bring in a bill to declare fan tan and pak-a-pu unlawful games, and to amend the Vagrancy Act, and for other purposes. The bill was introduced, and was passed through all its stages. A suggestion was made by Mr. Fosbery that the bill should provide for any other similar games of chance.

RAILWAYS ENABLING BILL.

On the motion of Mr. Brunker, the Railways (Victorian and Queensland Bylaws) Enabling Bill was read the second time, and it was taken through committee, without amendment.

ROCKS RESUMPTIONS.

Mr. TRICKETT complained that on October 11 he had asked for a return in regard to the Rocks resumptions. That day he had asked for the cause of the delay in getting the return, and he had got an evasive reply, and was told that the report would be ready on Friday.

The VICE-PRESIDENT said when the reply was drafted to Mr. Trickett's question it was not known that the House would adjourn on Friday.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House at 9.15 p.m. adjourned till 3 p.m. on the following day.

LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 6.

The Speaker took the chair at 3 o'clock.

THE WOOLLS-RUTLEDGE REPORT.

When this matter was dealt with on the previous day the motion, for the adoption of the report was not negatived, but was shelved through a motion for "the previous question" being carried by 33 votes to 23.

LONG HOURS OF SEAMEN.

The PREMIER, in answer to Mr. Sullivan, said that the question of the inordinately long hours worked by the officers and men of the Wollumbin would be dealt with when the report and finding of the Court of Marine Inquiry was received.

USELESS DOCUMENTS.

The PREMIER moved for authorisation for the Clerk of the House to destroy all accumulated manuscript documents which were useless, or of which there was a printed record. He said that unless the pressure on the existing space were relieved an expensive building would have to be erected to house them.

Mr. PERRY (Richmond): What about "Hansard?" (Laughter.)

The PREMIER: "Hansard" will be preserved to assist the memories of members.

The motion was agreed to.

SYDNEY CORPORATION AMENDMENT BILL.

This bill was read a third time.

LANDS BILL.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS, in moving the second reading of the Crown Lands Amendment Bill (which he had briefly explained at the preceding sitting), said he had eliminated anything of a contentious character from the bill owing to the lateness of the session. The scope of the measure should not be judged from the fact that there were 36 clauses in it. The first nine clauses were devoted to what were regarded as necessary amendments of section 3 of the 1903 Act.

Mr. LEVIEN: I suppose there will be another bill next session.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: Very likely, and it probably would take a lengthy form. He sought to enact that in matters of fact regarding what was a fair area to allot the decision of the Land Board should be final. He proposed to establish a line of demarcation between applicants for original and additional holdings. That was to say, land that was set apart must be for additional or original holdings. They had either to allow the defects of section 3 of the 1903 Act to continue or amend them. Clauses 10 to 27 referred to conditional purchase lease. The reason that a new tenure system was introduced was because when he was in the Northern Rivers district looking at scrub country, which entailed great expense before it could be properly used, he recognised that the initial cost should be reduced to the lowest possible limits. He suggested that this land should be held on lease at low rental instead of a heavy deposit and substantial c.p. instalments having to be paid. He therefore proposed the new kind of tenure, which was a modification of the c.p. system, and incorporated in it were the best features of the leasing system. The scheme, briefly, was that land under this tenure was set apart on conditions very closely approximating the manner in which land was set apart for homestead selection at present. The leases would be for 40 years in four periods of ten years, and after land was held for 10 years it might be converted into an o.c.p.

Mr. GRIFFITH: If at any time the lessee exercises the right of purchase, would the purchase be made on the value when the land was taken up?

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: At the time of the reappraisement immediately preceding the application for conversion. Clause 17 dealt with residence conditions. Looking at the forest and scrub lands they were dealing with, there were areas which it would take a considerable time to get into a condition that it would be reasonable to ask a man to take his family to these lands and isolate themselves from their fellow creatures. It was proposed to modify the conditions of the Closer Settlement Act. It was provided that the residence conditions could be performed in a neighbouring town or village. That would preserve all the essential requisites of closer settlement, inasmuch as it did not permit absentee ownership in a particular district. At the same time it would be a good thing if the holder of the land was permitted to live in the town or village a few miles away from his land. He could thus educate his children, and the system would cheapen the cost of government, and tend to improve the conditions which go to make up the happiness of rural life. Clause 23 provided that no person could become a transferee of one of these holdings if he had another holding. It was no good providing that these lands should go to the landless if any of them were transferred to a man with an unlimited area. Clause 22 referred to a matter which had a great effect. It was intended to again make an experiment that had already been tried twice, and that was to dispense with the ballot system as it at present existed. He was aware that there were difficulties in the way of administering the system by which priority was determined, and it largely depended on the wisdom of the boards. To remove to some extent all possibility of wrongful action by individual boards certain regulations were made. A petition had been presented to him last week in favour of the acquisition of a private estate. It was signed by a large number of persons, who pledged themselves to become applicants for land. In the list were the names of persons who represented themselves as having taken part unsuccessfully in ballots—some three ballots, others in 12, and one man in 18. Was it proper that their lands should be disposed of in the same way as a Tattersall's sweep is drawn? Take the case of a girl applicant for land. She was not qualified to become an independent settler in a place far removed from civilisation. She probably would take up the land in the interest of her father. Pit against her a man with a family. Could there be any hesitation in saying which of the two applicants should get the land? Yet, under the ballot system the girl stood an equal chance with the man who had a wife and family to provide for. He thought that most of the difficulties in regard to the control of the forests related more to administration than to matters involving new legislation. The three clauses submitted in reference to forestry touched matters which in the opinion of those charged with the administration of their forests were urgently required at present. The first one dealt with the power of the Minister to grant the exclusive right to take timber and other materials from a specified area of Crown lands. The first regulatory provision introduced was that that right might be granted only after inquiry and report of the local land board, and it was then provided that the right should be disposed of either by auction or by tender.

Mr. GEORGE: I think you ought to strike out tender.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS: I am not very particular about that. The provision, if adopted, might be used, in some cases, to work well in connection with preparing land for settlement in forest and scrub areas. Clause 34 provided for something for which there was a good deal of demand. The present system of charging royalty was on the log measurement of the timber; this clause provided the alternative method that the royalty might, at the discretion of the Minister, be calculated on the gross output of the sawmill. That practically covered the scope of the bill.

Mr. NIELSEN said he had gone carefully through the bill in the limited time at disposal, and as far as he could see there was nothing that was very objectionable to him in it. It was a rather comprehensive measure to introduce, however, and carry into law within four or five days, as it provided for half a dozen things, each of which was important. The new form of tenure was desirable—(Hear, hear)—but there was no knowing how it would work out in practice. In the past every form of tenure had been found capable of being used for purposes never intended, and that was responsible to a large extent for the failure of their land legislation. Regarding the alteration in the system of ballot, he had always thought the existing system was wrong. He favoured the classification of applicants, and the ballot taken then. The proposal to allow royalty on timber cut on Crown lands to be calculated as an alternative on the gross output of the sawmill might result in the Government being largely defrauded.

Mr. DAVIDSON: It is done now.

Mr. NIELSEN contended that, if land settlement was to be made effective, the owner must be living on the land, or as near to it as possible. He suggested that the landowner, if not residing on the land, should have to reside at the nearest town instead of, say, 20 or 50 miles away.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS thought this might well be left to the discretion of the board.

Mr. NIELSEN would not give people intending to erect a sawmill the right for a long term of years over an extended area of land. The timber being the property of the State, the royalty should be fixed by the State and not by the sawmiller.

Mr. BENNETT suggested that the debate might be postponed to enable members to study the measure more fully. The form of tenure for conditional purchase lease appeared to be drawn up in favour of the Crown as against the settler. The policy of legislation should be to make absolute the right of people residing in towns and villages to hold these lands, and the result would, he believed, be that large areas would be taken in hand and made productive of something. The power proposed to be put in the board should be with the Minister responsible to Parliament.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS said that if there was to be any controversy about the policy of the forestry provisions of the bill, he was prepared to take them out of the measure when they got into committee. If members would during the debate treat those provisions as non-existent, he promised to eliminate them when committee stage was reached.

Mr. M'FARLANE expressed disappointment that the bill did not contain a provision giving power to enable a homestead selector to convert his holding into a conditional purchase. He hoped the Minister would not drop the forestry provisions, which he regarded as excellent.

Mr. J. H. YOUNG was strongly in favour of the measure. He regretted the insinuations of Mr. Nielsen and Mr. Bennett regarding possibilities of payment of royalty being evaded.

Mr. CHARLTON regretted that the bill had been brought in at such a late stage, when members had not had time to give it the consideration which its importance merited. He believed in the leasing system rather than that of conditional purchase. He knew of miners who wished to go on the land, and who would make splendid farmers. If they continue their avocation while improving their holdings it would be an advantage, as it would enable them to earn a livelihood until the land could support them entirely. He hoped that the Minister would allow the question of the timber license to remain in abeyance.

Mr. DAVIDSON said that the Minister was unfortunate in bringing in the bill at such a late stage. He hoped that the land legislation would be so liberalised that any man without land could get it without residence conditions, which had brought about this very state of dummyism they had sought to stop. Instead of residence being a necessary condition, he would like to see occupation with improvements substituted. Such a condition would open up the land, and solve the unemployed problem. The Minister was to be commended in bringing forward an amendment of the forest clauses. They had been asked for by saw-millers and timber-getters all along the coast.

Mr. GEORGE congratulated the Minister in not allowing the session to pass without bringing forward some measure of land reform. The bill was not of a controversial character. The residence condition would not solve the problem of settling upon the land. The real prosperity of the country was to get the produce from the land.

Mr. MACDONELL regretted that a bill of such importance was brought on at so late a stage. He did not agree with the Minister in giving preference to the original selector. The spirit underlying the previous enactment was a sound one, and should be preserved in this. As to the land boards, many of the lay members were the nominees of members of Parliament, and knew little or nothing about land matters. Some of them, too, by their interests should be precluded from settling important questions that they were called upon to settle. He suggested that the best type of men should decide upon what should be living areas. He was not prepared to accept the doctrine of the ballot. The State was justified in these ballots in requiring some guarantee that the individual proposing to take up the land was going to make some use of it. The provisions respecting tenure he described as a smart flank movement to do away with the whole leasing principle. Parliament, and not the individual, should decide what the form of tenure should be. Some land boards regarded themselves as being required to get the best rentals they could, and poor settlers had no chance.

Mr. BALL did not think those members were justified in their condemnation of the Minister for Lands for bringing the bill before Parliament at such a late stage in the session. It was well known that the measure would deal with a number of proposals that had formed the subject of discussion for a long time past amongst members. It was, therefore, absurd for some members to say they had not sufficient time in which to discuss the provisions of the bill. If members were sincere in their protestations for reform in the land laws, with the object of encouraging people to settle on the soil, and to mete out justice to men who did not possess living areas, they would welcome the introduction of the measure, even in the closing hours of the session. He was satisfied that if the Minister had not brought it in, even at the eleventh hour, there would have been a serious outcry throughout the country that the Government was not sincere in its oft-repeated statement that the prosperity of the State was inextricably bound up in the welfare of the primary producers.

Mr. JONES objected to the Minister introducing a measure of such importance at the tail-end of the session.

The MINISTER FOR LANDS said he was going to insist upon doing away with the right of appeal. He promised that he would consider the timber clauses, together with all the references concerning it that had been made when the House got into committee.

Mr. NORTON said it was unprecedented in the British, as well as Australian, Parliaments, for a Minister, after the passing of the Appropriation Bill, to bring down a measure that struck at the root principle of an existing law. To make the farce even more humorous, this important measure was actually discussed whilst at times there was not a quorum present. As a matter of fact, the proceedings of Parliament, in regard to this particular measure, had degenerated into a political pantomime. He moved that the bill be read that day eight months.

After further debate, Mr. Norton's amendment was negatived by 51 votes to 12. The minority consisted of Messrs. Macdonell, Jones, Meehan, Hollis, Holman, M'Gowen, Levien, Bennett, M'Neill, Norton, Charlton, and W. Millard.

The second reading was agreed to on the voices, and the House went into committee to consider the bill in detail.

The House was sitting when our report closed.

NEW NOTICES.

Mr. Carruthers to move,—That so much of the Standing Orders be suspended as would preclude a motion for the consideration in committee of the whole pro forma, as provided in standing order 256A, of the Local Government Extension Bill, being moved on the reading of the order of the day for the further consideration in committee of such bill.

Mr. Carruthers to move,—That this House shall meet for the despatch of business on Friday next at half-past 10 o'clock a.m., and that Government business shall take precedence of general business.

THE WEATHER.

Unsettled conditions continue along parts of the seaboard, and over the highlands, but fine weather still rules in the interior. Cloud areas formed on the coast on Tuesday afternoon, and light and scattered rains resulted during the evening and night over the tablelands and seaboard country, more especially south from Sydney. At Nowra 85 points were recorded, but this was the only good fall, the majority being under 10 points. Showers were recorded in the eastern suburbs during Tuesday night, and the early hours of yesterday morning, but in the city itself there was only a very light sprinkle, and not sufficient to measure.

Nearly three-quarters of an inch was registered as the result of a storm at Moss Vale yesterday afternoon, and a heavy fall, amounting to 62 points, occurred at Lawson, on the Blue Mountains. Light showers were also received at Bowral, Katoomba, Kiandra, Moruya, and Wollongong. At 8 o'clock last night a thunderstorm passed over Moruya, and it was raining at Bateman's Bay. Shortly before 10 p.m. a smart shower was experienced in the city, but it was of short duration. The latest reports from coastal stations are that cloudy conditions prevail. Smooth seas were running along the coast last night, and light south-easterly winds were blowing.

The Acting Government Meteorologist, Mr. H. A. Hunt, said last night that a great change has taken place in the atmospheric distribution. The two high pressures in the south have merged into one system, which now covers the whole of the ocean lying to the south of the continent. The weather on the mainland is at present dominated by a relatively low pressure system, tropical in character. Isobaric relations promise a continuance and intensification of the prevailing unsettled, showery weather on the coast and tableland districts, with SE to NE winds. Fine conditions are generally expected inland, but the disposition for thunder showers there is growing.

MOSS VALE.—A heavy rainstorm passed over the town on Wednesday afternoon, 72 points of rain being registered.

POISONING BY POST.

GULGONG, Wednesday.

Mrs. Mary Comer, a widow, received through the post a piece of wedding cake. She ate a small portion of it, and symptoms of strychnine poisoning followed. A doctor relieved the patient. The remaining portion of cake has been sent to Sydney for analysis.

AUSTRALASIAN SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

NEW RECORD BY KIERAN.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

The second carnival of the amateur Australasian swimming championships was held in the Booroodabin Baths to-night. The building was crowded. Kieran created the new world's record for 220 yards of 2m 28 2-5s. The previous record was 2m 28 3-5s. Principal results were:—

220 Yards Australasian Championship.—B. B. Kieran (N.S.W.), 1; R. Healey (N.S.W.), 2; R. C. Freyburg (N.Z.), 3. The competitors got away together. Kieran early took the lead, and kept there, winning by 11 yards in 2m 28 2-5s. All three finished within the standard time.

100 Yards Ladies' Australasian Championship.—Miss Josephine Liddle, 1; Miss Florence Carr, 2; Miss E. Liddle, 3. Won by a yard. Time, 1m 27 2-5s.

880 Yards Australasian Championship.—B. Kieran, 1; F. W. Springfield, 2; R. Healey, 3; V. Fitts, 4. Kieran and Springfield immediately went to the front, and led throughout. When 24 laps had been swum Healey had been overlapped. Towards the finish Kieran increased his pace, and drew away from Springfield, who swam gamely, but Kieran eventually won, amid great cheering, by 20 yards in 11m 39s. Springfield covered the distance in 11m 54s, and R. Healey in 13m 23s. Fitts was four laps away.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

Mr. E. J. Brown (vice-president) occupied the chair at the meeting of the National Rifle Association last night. Lieutenant-Colonel G. R. Campbell delivered an address on the objects of the Australian National Defence League asking for the sympathy and support of the N.R.A. He gave a sketch of the Swiss system of defence, submitting it as one of the model schemes which had proved to be workable and effective. He deprecated the seeking of schemes from the general public, as he feared that in the consideration of the multitude of systems which would be forthcoming much time would be lost. He strongly urged the advisability of having a compulsory 60 days' training for youths aged 18 and over. At the age of 18 young men had not seriously entered upon the industrial life, and their wages were comparatively low. The compulsory training would interfere with the industrial life of the community to a less extent at that age than a year or two later.

The chairman assured Lieutenant-Colonel Campbell of his sympathy, and said the matter would be carefully considered by the association.

A letter was received from the Commonwealth military authorities stating that M.L.E. rifles and barrels would be obtainable by the militia and the volunteers at cost price, but that the deferred payment system could not be adopted.

Major Wallace Brown (officer supervising rifle clubs) wrote directing attention to the revised Commonwealth military regulations, and more particularly the following:—No. 558: In each military district there shall be a State rifle association, and each association council shall be charged with the conduct of rifle matters other than military. The District Commandant shall be the president ex-officio and the commanding officers of regiments and corps shall be members ex-officio. The council will as a consultative body also assist the District Commandant in matters affecting the interests of rifle shooting in the districts; No. 559, relating to rules being submitted for the military board's approval; No. 560 and 561, relating to the furnishing of rules and reports. The wishes of the council were sought as to the official recognition of the association as the State Rifle Association in New South Wales. The District Commandant proposed to nominate from the commanding officers of regiments and corps six representative commanding officers as ex-officio members of the council. It was decided to consider the matter in detail at the next meeting.

A letter was received from the military authorities stating that the association should not have free ammunition for future matches.

THE MAILS.

THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30 and 7 p.m.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.
Eden.—Bega, 9 a.m.
Macassar, Sourabaya, and Batavia.—Flensburg, 11 a.m.
Auckland.—Star of Ireland, 11 a.m.
Ballina, Broadwater, and Wardell (R.R.).—City of Grafton, 1 p.m.
British New Guinea, via Brisbane and Cairns.—Ysabel, 3.45 p.m.
Port Macquarie and Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 4 p.m.
Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Nerong, 4 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius, via Adelaide.—F.M.S. Yarra, 5.30 p.m.
F.M.S. Yarra (letters addressed to persons on board.—Overland to Adelaide, 5.30 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Yongala, 5.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 5.30 p.m.
Natal and Capetown, via Melbourne.—Salamis, 5.30 p.m.
Noumea.—Nera, 6 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Waratah, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY.

Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Orion, 5.30 p.m.
Noumea.—St. Louis, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY.

Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 5 a.m.
Brisbane.—Marloo, noon.
Wellington, etc., N.Z. (direct).—Monowai, noon.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, from Wellington.—Rimutaka, noon.
Brisbane.—Buninyong, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Macleay River.—Burrawong, 2 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Port Macquarie.—Wauchope, 4 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 5 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Kyarra, 9.30 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—Dec. 6.

Nera, F.M.S., 5876 tons, Captain R. Schmitz, from Marseilles, via ports. Passengers—Mr. Ardern, Mr. Macpherson, Mr. Geyer, Mr. Dieumegarst, Mrs. Dieumegarst and 2 children, Mrs. Sudre, Mr. Gaudron, Mrs. Gaudron, Mr. Boerries, Mr. Roch, Mr. Bailie, Mr. Welberthie, Messrs. Serry Bros., Mr. Vallentin, Mrs. Bache and child, Miss Michaud, Mrs. Gerhardy, Mr. Dabon, Mr. Bache, Mr. Levy, Mr. Simon Apoo, Mr. Joseph, Mr. Abdallah Mohamet. R. Brasier de Thuy, agent.

Monowai, s, 3433 tons, Captain H. A. Morisby, from Wellington. Passengers—Mesdames Latta, Perkins, Birch, Jellicoe, Ferguson, Misses Linden, Goodwin, Morrison, Sister Goodsir, Epps, Noble, O'Brien, Clark, Thompson, Greenwood, Messrs. Bolton, Barnett, Brunton, Latta, Lawrence, Asher, Smith, Epps, Bayley, Birch, Dawkins, Parrish, Geddie, Jellicoe, Thompson, Duthie (2), Eichelbaum, Mesdames Swinton and infant, Jones, Russell and child, King, Papworth, Reid and infant, Smith, Lammas and child, Lightly, Potts, Bowmaker and infant, Misses Wilkerson, Ellis, Salter, West, Robards, Messrs. Jones, Jaccard, Moult, Holder, Hale, Myers, Thomas, Johnson, M'Intyre, Turnbull, Cowie, Jenkins, Chalmers, Spargo, Machin, Donnelly, Brophy, Smythe, Costa, Ridge, Henderson, Burrland, Robertson, Page, Howie, Smith, Lammas, Hehir (2), Hatton, M'Leod, Cleal, Pearson, Butler, Lightly, Mansfield, Dutton, Flegg, Milburn, Taylor (2), Leer, Ellis, Keogh, Douglas. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Manapouri, s, 2080 tons, Captain W. J. Newton, from Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji. Passengers—Messrs. Woolley, Macquarie, Royle, Marks, Dennis, Isaacs, Hunter, Wilson, Major Curtis, Rev. Thierry, Mesdames Woolley, Macquarie, Marks, O'Hara, M'Kenzie, Gosling and 2 children, Easton, Nugent, Palmer and infant, Misses Teigler, Caldwell, Marks (2), Simmonds, Philbrooks, and 17 in the steerage. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Prinz Sigismund, s, 3302 tons, Captain D. Lenz, from Kobe, via Hongkong, New Guinea, New Britain, and ports. Passengers—Mrs. Brohum, Mr. E. J. Barwell, Mr. R. A. Ford, Mr. W. J. Hill, Mrs. W. J. Hill, Mrs. D. Lenz and children, Mr. J. Maundell, Mr. Miles, Mr. E. J. Simonds, Captain Strassburg, Mrs. Rondahl and party, Miss Horgreen, Master Horgreen, Mrs. Wernicke, Mr. and Mrs. Angermann, Mrs. Osborne, Mr. C. Kaiser, Mr. N. Hamers, Sister Franziska, Mrs. F. Poole, Mr. J. Jonohara, Mr. Robertson. Lohmann and Co., agents.

H.M.S. Pegasus, third-class twin-screw protected cruiser, 2135 tons displacement, Commander Warren Hastings D'Oyly, from Jervis Bay.

Electra, s, 395 tons, Captain C. Beach, from Manning River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Evandale, s, 3775 tons, Captain Buyers, from Newcastle, en route to Hongkong.

Namoi, s, 1414 tons, Captain H. Warne, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S.S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Ochtertyre, barque, 1263 tons, Captain Thompson, from London. Virgoe, Son, and Chapman, agents.

Chillagoe, s, 1490 tons, Captain W. F. C. Firth, from Maryborough, via Newcastle. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Winfield, s, 3215 tons, Captain H. J. Holland, from Port Pirie. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Bega, s, 567 tons, Captain Bishop, from Eden. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

New Guinea, s, 2674 tons, Captain Stoddart, from Edithburg. Huddart, Parker, and Co., Proprietary, Limited, agents.

Archer, s, 694 tons, Captain Walker, from Newcastle. Newcastle and H. R. S.S. Company, Limited, agents.

Myee, s, 145 tons, Captain G. Leafstream, from Port Macquarie. North Coast S.N. Company, Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—Dec. 6.

Ashburton, s, for Dunkirk, Antwerp, and London, via Melbourne.
Empire, s, for Manila, China, and Japan, via ports.
Kyarra, s, for Fremantle, via ports.
Manuka, s, for Auckland.
Monowai, s, for Newcastle.
Scottish Minstrel, sh, for Rotterdam.
Port Crawford, sh (off the Heads), ordered to Cape Inca, bq, for Mauritius, via Newcastle.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—Dec. 7.

Nera, F.M.S., for Noumea; Port Elliot, s, for Dunkirk, London, and Antwerp, via Suez Canal; Star of Ireland, s, for New Zealand ports; Coomonderry, s, for Moruya; City of Grafton, s, for Richmond River; Rosedale, s, for Bellinger River, Port Macquarie, and Nambucca rivers; Ripple, s, for Moruya; Bellinger, s, for Camden Haven, Kew, and Kendall; Bega, s, for Eden, via ports; Magdalene, s, for Nelson's Bay, Tea Gardens, Booral, and Stroud; Newcastle, s, for Newcastle.

CLEARANCES.—Dec. 6.

Manuka, s, 4505 tons, Captain Phillips, for New Zealand ports, via Auckland. Passengers—Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Hon. and Mrs. Mitchelson, Mr. and Mrs. Berry, Mr. and Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Bunting, Mr. and Mrs. Alexandia, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phillips, Mesdames V. Rothouse, W. Ritchie, Fraser, Hastings, Reade, C. H. Metz, Ford, Ash, Calder, Grimwade servant child and infant, Misses Barnard, Spain, Ottway, A. R. Hammond, Mitchelson (2), Rutherford, McCloy, Fraser, Thompson, Chapman, Standish, Tole, Ure, Waller, Towle, Ethel Kelly, Hammond, Hastings, Messrs. Grimwade and 2 sons, F. H. Rayment, E. C. Forbes, F. M. Gamnow, D. Fraser, C. Fowler, J. D. Perrett, R. Burns, E. Whittle, W. Dickenson, H. R. Johnstone, A. Curlow, G. Calder, Slattery, Hammond, G. Fletcher, C. H. Metz, Trenwith, Churton, G. Kitchen, H. Barling, R. and H. Thomas, Wilson, Dix, D. Scott, J. P. Quirk, W. Tindley, A. Bruce, Mayne, Nesbit, and 43 in the steerage.

Inca, bq, 980 tons, Captain W. Rae, for Mauritius, via Newcastle.

Monowai, 3433 tons, Captain H. Morrisby, for Newcastle.

Kyarra, s, 6973 tons, Captain M. M. Osborne, for Fremantle, via ports, with passengers.

Empire, s, 4480 tons, Captain P. Helms, for Manila, Hongkong, and Shanghai, via Queensland ports and Port Darwin, with passengers as per list published yesterday.

COASTER OUTWARDS.—Dec. 6.

Illaroo, s, for Catherine Hill Bay.

IMPORTS.—Dec. 6.

Monowai, s, from Wellington: 131 sks oats, 51 bls tow, 52 bls flax, 21 pcs machinery, 38 cs frozen fish, 9 bls r. skins, 50 sks pollard, 204 sks peas, 69 sks hides, 53 sks calfskins, 105 cs whitebait, 28 sks fungus, 22 coils rope, 87 cs milk.

Manapouri, s, from Tonga, Samoa, and Fiji: 7051 bchs bananas, 137 cs bananas, 10,780 sks copra, 57 sks fungus, 38 sks cocoa, 67 sks hides, 109 sks cocoanuts, 101 sks beche de mer, and sundries.

Chillagoe, s, from Maryborough: 20 bdls 5 pcs pine, 6 bdls 16 pkgs 8 bls mouldings, 37 stones, 11 bdls castings, 20 bdls bittings, 20 pkgs 147 pine doors, and sundries.

City of Grafton, s, from Richmond River: 80 bgs bones, 189 bxs butter, 6 cs bacon, 9 cs eggs, 48 hides, 7 bgs bacon, 1 boat and gear, 1 horse, 16 pigs, 3 cks tallow, 52 bgs potatoes, 5 bgs bottles, 300 sks sugar, and sundries.

Nera, F.M.S., from Marseilles, via ports: 28 cs cigars, 19 cs toys, 53 pkgs currants, 95 cs vermouth, 15 cs cigars, 45 pkgs corks, 200 cs brandy, 11 cs maccaroni, 334 kgs tartaric acid, 1000 kgs cream tartar, 1750 bxs dates, 45 cs condiments, 218 pkgs tea, 20 cs desiccated cocoanut, 15 bls fibre, 12 csks skins, and sundries.

Myee, s, from Hastings River: 1 bg bones, 8 cs eggs, 15 hides, 1 pig, 2 bgs oysters, 102 bgs maize, 2 cps poultry, 1 bdl skins, 14 girders, 648 sleepers, and sundries.

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Sophocles, s, from London, via Capetown and ports: 10 cs beer, 120 bxs fish, 15 bottles quicksilver, 20 hhds 40 ½-csks rum, 15 cs milk, 1183 kgs paint, 293 cs cartridges, 28 cs paper, 11 csks 810 drms oil, 50 pkts hops, 11 cs tobacco, 10 cs beer, 5 ½-csks 150 cs whisky, 1472 steel rails, 60 bdls bars, 220 kgs lead, 250 fs galvd iron, 56 qr-csks wine, 38 pkgs broom handles, 14 pkgs colours, 30 bdls fishplates, 12 cs bottles, 106 cs chocolate, 1 piano, and sundries; also, large quantity of unspecified merchandise.

EXPORTS.—Dec. 6.

Empire, s, for Hongkong and Japan, via ports: 251 pkgs fungus, 12 bdls zinc, 77 pkgs hemp, 516 bgs horseshoes, 1500 ½-bxs soap, 50 pkgs lead pipe, 2060 pkgs 11,640 qr-bgs and 5000 bgs flour, 320 bls wool, 18 bxs gold (£18,241), 16 rls sheet lead, 26 cks tallow, 52 cs books, 74 crcs mutton, 24 crcs and 62 sides lamb, 120 cks oleine, 10 pkgs copper, 17 cs cider, 654 bxs butter, 25 cs milk, 116 pkgs beche-de-mer, 48 gunnies sugar, 1055 tons coal, and sundries.

Customs-house.—Entered outwards: Dec. 6, Elverland, bqtn, for Wellington, via Newcastle; Monowai, s, for Wellington; Manapouri, s, for Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa; Rosamond, Am. 4-m sch, for Honolulu, via Newcastle.

Messrs. Archd. Currie and Co. have received information that the steamer Gracchus, of their Australian and Indian line of steamships, left Calcutta on the 3rd inst. for Australian ports, via Singapore, the first Australian port of call being Fremantle. The steamer Euryalus arrived at Madras on the 4th inst., and sails about the 10th inst. from Calcutta for Melbourne and Sydney, via Java.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the condition of the bars at high water:—Yamba, 14ft 6in on bar, 13ft 3in on crossing, rise of tide 2ft 6in; Tweed Heads, 11ft outer bar, 8ft inner bar, a long flat, rise of tide 2ft; Ballina, 14ft on bar, 11ft 6in on inside channel; Bellinger Heads, 7ft 6in on bar; Camden Haven Heads, 4ft 8in on bar; Harrington, no soundings taken; Cape Hawke, 7ft on bar; Bateman's Bay, 10ft on bar, rise of tide 3ft 6in.

The Superintendent of Navigation held a preliminary inquiry at Newcastle on Tuesday concerning the collision between the steamers Garnet and Phoenix on the 23rd ult. Captain Edie decided to send the case on to the Marine Court. The Superintendent, accompanied by his secretary, returned to Sydney yesterday morning.

The barquentine Pelotas, from Melbourne, bound to the Clarence River, passed Seal Rocks at 6.30 p.m. yesterday. On arrival at the northern river she will load a cargo of timber for New Zealand.

The Commonwealth steamer Franklyn, from Bangkok, bound to Newcastle, signalled Green Cape at 5.20 p.m. yesterday. She is to the agency of W. Scott Fell and Co., Limited.

The Greenock-owned ships Kynance and Hyderabad, which have been laid up so long at San Francisco, have been fixed to load at Portland (Or.) for home, thus leaving the laid-up field in the hands of Liverpool owners, who so far appear to be disposed to continue playing the waiting game at San Francisco.

MOVEMENTS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Victoria, from London, is due at Sydney early this morning. She passed Gabo Island at 2.50 p.m. yesterday.

The R.M.S. Oruba left Brisbane yesterday for London, via Sydney, and is due here to-morrow morning.

The R.M.S. Omrah, from Sydney, bound to London, is due at Adelaide to-day.

The R.M.S. Ophir, from Sydney, bound to London, arrived at Suez on Sunday last.

The R.M.S. Himalaya, from London, bound to Sydney, left Colombo on Sunday for Fremantle.

THE AFRIC AT CAPETOWN.

A private cable message was yesterday received notifying that the White Star liner Afric arrived at Capetown from Australia on Tuesday last, en route to Liverpool.

THE PORT CRAWFORD.

In accordance with instructions contained in a cable from the owners yesterday, the ship Port Crawford, which was waiting for orders off Sydney Heads, was instructed to proceed to Cape Otway, where further instructions will be sent.

THE MARJORY GLEN SPOKEN.

Captain Thompson, master of the barque Ochtertyre, which arrived here last night from London, reports having on October 26, in lat. 34.35 south, long. 10.46 west, spoken the British barque Marjory Glen, then 52 days out from Liverpool, bound to Brisbane. She wished to be reported "all well."

THE OCHTERTYRE, FROM LONDON.

After a run of 97 days from London, the barque Ochtertyre, with a cargo of general merchandise, was towed into port last evening, and after passing the Health officers was taken to an anchorage in Rose Bay to discharge 140 tons of explosives for the navy before coming to her berth. The Ochtertyre sailed from London on September 1, and at once encountered strong westerly to south-westerly gales until the Lizard was cleared 10 days later. Fine conditions then ruled until the Equator was crossed on the 38th day out. The meridian of the Cape of Good Hope was crossed when 62 days out, and the meridian of Cape Leeuwin was made on the 82nd day out. Tasmania was rounded on Sunday last, with strong south-westerly to southerly winds, which brought the ship to port.

On November 6, when in lat. 42.18 S., and long. 37.12 E., a terrific gale was encountered, resulting in deck damage described elsewhere.

REMOVALS AND DOCKINGS.

The Italian ship Niobe, after discharging her cargo of case oil from New York, will at an early hour this morning be removed from Towns's wharf to a berth at the northern side of Pulpit Point jetty.

The steamer Transvaal will this morning be taken from her anchorage in Neutral Bay to a berth at Woolloomooloo Bay, No. 3 wharf.

The auxiliary schooner Nugarea will to-day be removed from her berth at the Central wharf to Drake's Dock.

The steamer Norfolk will this morning proceed from her anchorage in the stream to a berth at Darling Island. She is timed to leave here next Saturday for Delagoa Bay, Durban, East London, and Capetown.

The French steamer St. Louis was yesterday afternoon removed from Darling Island to the Federal wharf. She leaves here to-morrow for Noumea.

The German-Australian liner Duisburg was yesterday floated out of Woolwich Dock and taken to a berth at Woolloomooloo Bay.

The French steamer Pacifique was yesterday taken from her berth at the east side of Circular Quay to an anchorage in the stream.

The Norwegian steamer Thordis was yesterday floated into Mort's Dock for repairs.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

COOKTOWN (1550 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Papuan, sch, for Samarai; Jeera, ktch, for Port Moresby; H.M.S. Pioneer, for Sydney.

LUCINDA POINT.—Dep: Dec. 6, Colac, s, for Cairns.

TOWNSVILLE (1370 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Wodonga, s, from Sydney.

KEPPEL BAY (877 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Wyandra, s, for Brisbane.

GLADSTONE (828 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Bueon, s, for Brisbane.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Peregrine, s, Oruba, R.M.S., both for Sydney; Mildura, s, and Konoowarra, s, both for Rockhampton; Tridacna, dredge, for Adelaide.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Augusta, s, at 4.40 a.m., Duroby, s, at 4.15 p.m. Passed: Juno, s, at 6.50 p.m., north.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (321 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Pyrmont, s, at 1.45 p.m. Dep: St. George, s, at 4.30 a.m., Ramornie, s, at 2.40 p.m.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Kyogle, s, at 3.45 p.m., for Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Passed: Dec. 6, one of Adelaide Company's steamers at 2 p.m., Arawatta, s, at 2.30 p.m., Leura, s, at 4.30 p.m., all north; St. George, s, at 1.30 p.m., south.

BELLINGER HEADS (230 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Euroka, s, at 4 p.m., from Nambucca River.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (231 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Nerong, s, at 4.20 p.m., for Sydney.

SOUTH-WEST ROCKS (209 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Burrawong, s, at 3 p.m.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: Dec. 6, Friendship, s, at 1.40 p.m., Kallatina, s, at 5.35 p.m., both north; Allinga, s, at 5.45 p.m.

PORT MACQUARIE (174 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Wauchope, s, at 2 a.m. Dep.: Federal, sch, at 4.30 a.m., Rosedale, s, at 4 p.m., for Sydney; Jubilee, sch, at 4.30 p.m.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: Dec. 6, Wootton, s, at 1.45 p.m., Tomki, s, at 4.35 p.m., both north; Torr Head, s, at 4.50 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (159 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, S. A. Hayward, ktch, at 3.30 p.m.

CROWDY HEADS (147 miles).—Passed: Dec. 6, Cavanba, s, at 4.10 p.m., a small schooner at 4.40 p.m., Macleay, s, at 4.45 p.m., all south.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Kincumber, s, at 1.45 p.m., Narooma, s, at 2.45 p.m.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Tuncurry, s, at 4.30 a.m., for Sydney; Willinga, sch, at 5 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS (109 miles).—Passed: Dec. 6, Pelotas, bqtn, at 6.30 p.m., north; Kincumbre, s, at 6.30 p.m., a large steamer at 6.40 p.m., both south.

PORT STEPHENS (83 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Hawke, s, at 5 a.m.; Hastings, s, at 6 a.m.; Dauntless, s, at 11.35 a.m. Passed: Myee, s, at 8.30 a.m., Tuncurry, s, at 9.45 a.m., Jess, ktch, and a barque, both at 4.30 p.m., all south.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Tarshaw, s, Archer, s, Newcastle, s, Moorabool, s, Karori, s, Mintaro, s, Derwent, s, Beagle, s, Monowai, s, Cavan, sch, all from Sydney; Brenda, ship, from Honolulu; King Robert, s, from Java; Williams, s, from Port Stephens. Dep: Dec. 6, Tarshaw, s, Colo, s, Newcastle, s, Karori, s, Tuncurry, s, Beagle, s, Archer, s, all for Sydney; Carbine, s, Dauntless, s, both for Port Stephens; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke; Burrumbeet, s, for Melbourne, with 2500 tons coal; Easby, s, for Melbourne, with 1870 tons coal; Evandale, s, for Hongkong, via Sydney, with 5150 tons coal.

CATHERINE HILL BAY (48 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Corio, s, at 7.30 p.m., for Adelaide. Dec. 6, Wallarah, s, at 3.40 p.m., for Sydney.

BELLAMBI (41 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Werta, s, at 5 a.m., from Sydney.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Palmerston, s, at 2 p.m., Kurrara, s, at 2 p.m., both from Sydney. Dep: Wallsend, s, at 1 p.m., for Sydney.

KIAMA (59 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Kiama, s, at 6 a.m., for Sydney.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Passed: Dec. 6, New Guinea, s, at 12.5 p.m., north; Coolgardie, s, at 6.15 a.m., Corio, s, at 3 p.m., a steamer, yellow funnel, black top, at 3.30 p.m., Burrumbeet, s, at 6.20 p.m., all south.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Illawarra, s, at 5.30 p.m., from Sydney.

EDEN (210 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Wakatipu, s, at 1 p.m., for Sydney.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: Dec. 6, H.M.S. Challenger, at 10 a.m., Victoria, R.M.S., at 4.30 p.m., Oonah, s, at 4.45 p.m., Franklin, s, at 5.20 p.m., all north.

GABO ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: Dec. 6, Westralia, s, at 7.20 a.m., south; a steamer, black funnel, two white bands, at 8.30 a.m., Aramac, s, at 4 p.m., Rostock, s, at 7.30 p.m., all west; Sophocles, s, at 10.40 a.m., a steamer, yellow funnel, at 3.50 p.m., both north.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (470 miles).—Passed outward: Dec. 6, Sydney, s, at 6.35 a.m.; Norkoowa, s, at 9.15 a.m.; Oakburn, s, at 12.15 p.m.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Loongana, s, from Launceston; [illegible]. Dep: Loongana, s, for Launceston; Mihotu, s, Hobart; Yongala, s, for Adelaide; Norkoowa, s, Newcastle; Marloo, s, for Sydney; Lady Mildred, s, for Adelaide; Fortunatus, s, for Calcutta; Bunninyong, s, for Sydney.

DEVONPORT WEST (498 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Kakapo, s, at 6.30 p.m., from Sydney. Dep: Dec. 6, Flora, s, and Orion, s, both at 5 p.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Breis Iain, s, from Calcutta; Hylas, s, from Melbourne; Tyrian, s, from Fremantle; Australian, s, from Launceston. Dep: Banffshire, s, for Melbourne; Tyrian, s, for Melbourne.

PORT PIRIE (1238 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Willyama, s, and Bovaric, s, both from Newcastle.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Dep: Dec. 5, Tarcoola, s, for Melbourne; Dec. 6, Bombala, s, for Fremantle.

FREMANTLE (2400 miles).—Dep: Dec. 6, Dilkara, s, at 9.20 a.m., Zanowna, s, at noon, both for eastern States.

BRITISH SHIPPING.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Departure.

Kaipara, s (New Zealand Shipping Company's line), 7300 tons, Captain Keddle, from London, for Lyttelton, N.Z.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

WELLINGTON (1239 miles).—Arr: Dec. 6, Ionic, s, from Hobart; Moeraki, s, from Sydney.

HOKIANGA.—Dep: Dec. 6, Mary Moore, bg, for Sydney.

METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Wednesday.

Average rainfall for 45 years, 49.354.

Average rainfall for 47 years, Jan. 1 to Nov. 30, 46.560.

Total from Jan. 1 to Dec. 6, 34.407.

Temperatures.—Maximum, 70.7; minimum, 60.4; at 9 p.m., 63.8.

Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 71; at 3 p.m., 69; at 9 p.m., 74.

BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon 29.99, Esperance Bay 30.05, Streaky Bay 29.97, Adelaide 30.00, Robe 30.08, Portland 30.05, Melbourne 30.01, Wilson's Promontory 30.07, Gabo Island 29.83, Cape St. George 29.93, Sydney 29.90, Newcastle 29.91, Port Macquarie 29.94, Clarence Heads 29.91, Brisbane 29.91, Rockhampton 29.88, Mackay 29.87, Cooktown 29.85.

Sydney, 9 a.m., 29.904; 3 p.m., 29.835; 9 p.m., 29.894.

RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Adelong 1 point, Araluen 11, Bateman's Bay 18, Blackheath 6, Bodalla 4, Cooma 4, Delegate 2, Eden 1, Gabo 20, Goulburn 2, Katoomba 1, Kiandra 2, Moruya 11, Mount Victoria 5, Newcastle 1, Nimitybelle 7, Nowra 85, Picton 5, Port Stephens 3.

Additional Records Reported at 6 p.m.—Katoomba 10 points, Kiandra 9, Lawson 62, Moruya 1, Moss Vale 72, Wollongong 3.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Fine, pleasant weather prevailed inland and over northern districts; conditions were unsettled on the coast and tablelands, and during the night a few light rains were recorded, more especially south from Sydney.

Tasmania.—Fine and clear throughout.

Queensland.—Fine and clear to fine but cloudy throughout.

Western Australia.—Generally fine and warm, scattered clouds in the south, also in the north.

Victoria.—Fine and clear in northern parts, cloudy elsewhere, showery in the extreme south-east.

South Australia.—Generally overcast and sultry.

Northern Territory.—Fine, clear, and warm throughout.

COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, E, light, fine, sea moderate; Byron Bay, NE, cloudy, sea smooth; Ballina, NE, light, fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, ENE, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, E, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Port Macquarie, E, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Manning Heads, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Seal Rocks, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Port Stephens, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Newcastle, SE, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Lake Macquarie Heads, NE, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, NE, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Barranjoey, E, moderate, fine, sea slight; South Head, E, light, fine, sea smooth; Wollongong, S, light, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, SE, light, fine, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, SE, fresh, fine, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, ESE, light, fine, sea slight; Ulladulla, calm, like rain, sea smooth; Bateman's Bay, NE, light, raining, sea smooth; Moruya, S, light, passing thunderstorm, sea smooth; Eden, SW, light, cloudy, sea slight; Green Cape, S, light, cloudy, sea slight; Gabo Island, SW, light, cloudy, sea slight.

FORECASTS.

New South Wales.—Unsettled on the coast and tablelands, with some showers over central and other parts; fine but more or less cloudy inland, with occasional thunderstorms; wind chiefly from NE to SE.—H. A. Hunt.

Victoria.—Occasional showers in south-eastern districts, fine elsewhere; south-east to east winds freshening along coast; sea rising slightly.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—Fine, moderately warm and sultry; SE to E winds; smooth sea.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR DEC. 7.

Sun rises at 4.37, sets at 6.56; Moon, 2.44 p.m., 1.42 a.m.; Mercury, 5.43 a.m., 8.13 p.m.; Venus, 5.42 a.m., 8.21 p.m.; Mars, 9.10 a.m., 10.56 p.m.; Jupiter, 5.55 p.m., 3.58 a.m.; Saturn, 10.13 a.m., 11.35 p.m.

Full Moon, Dec. 12; new Moon, Dec. 26.

High water at Fort Denison 5.1 a.m., 5.36 p.m.

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS may be termed "Perfection." Their gentle action and good effect make them Perfect. But be sure they are Carter's.—Advt.

DON'T LOOK OLD.

With advancing years greyness increases. Stop it with Lockyer's Sulphur Hair Restorer, which darkens to the former colour, and preserves the appearance. Lockyer's Restorer is made in England only.—Advt.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

A good number of sales were reported on 'Change yesterday, but the actual volume of business done was not particularly large. Much more activity would have prevailed had a greater number of stocks and shares been offered. Holders, however, feel that if they sell, the difficulty of reinvestment is too great to be eagerly faced. Prices exhibited but slight variations. Bank of New South Wales' shares were quoted higher without actual business. Newcastle steam sold at an advance of 3d. Wallsend coal were lower; as also were Colonial Sugar, which had attention at a fall of ¼. The buyers' price for Silverton Trams was raised, while that for Sydney Hydraulic, contg., was reduced a shade. Otherwise prices were much the same as quoted earlier in the week.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: Nil. Later: Q. N. Bank Inscribed Deposits, 14s 6d. Noon: Newcastle and Hunter River Steam, 22s 6d; Colonial Sugar, £39 17s 6d; Wallsend Coal, £19; Sydney Hydraulic, 20s paid, 31s 6d; ditto, 10s paid, 15s; Fresh Food and Ice, 9s. Later: Sydney Ferries, 38s 6d; Fresh Food and Ice, 9s. Afternoon: Australian Gaslight, new, £10 15s; Colonial Sugar, £39 17s 6d. Later: Commercial Bank of Australia, ordinary, 9s.

Closing prices were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares Paid Up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.	Yield to Investor.
STOCK, &c.					£	£	£	p.c.
N.S.W. F.S. Act, 1892	4,066,702	...	...	3	85	84½	85½	3¼
Do. 1892	1,250,175	...	...	3½	99½	98¾	99½	3½
Do. 1892	2,549,350	...	...	4	102¼	102	...	3¾
Do., Act 1878	530,199	...	...	4	...	103	...	3¾
Do., 4 p.c., due 9/8/07	550,000	...	...	4	...	100	101½	...
Do., deb. 1908	...	...	...	4	...	100½	101½	...
Do., T. Bills, 1906	1,169,700	...	...	3½	99½	...	...	...
Ditto	205,000	...	...	4	100½	...	...	3¾
N.Z. Do., 1909	300,000	...	...	4	101½	...	...	3¾
Queens. deb., 1918	...	...	...	4	...	...	...	3¾
Do., Tr. Bills	530,000	...	...	4	101	101	...	3¾
W.A. Inscr.	...	...	...	4	...	101	...	3¾
Austrln. Gas Deb., 1922	300,000	...	...	4	102	100	103	3¾
City Sydney Deb.	220,000	...	...	4	100	...	...	4
Do., 1928	100,000	...	...	4	102	...	...	3¾
Co. Sugar D. 1914	...	...	...	4	105¾	...	...	4¼
BANKS.								
Aust. J.S.	154,528	3½	1	...	...	...	...	...
Aust'lasia	1,600,000	40	40	12	86	84	...	5½
City	240,000	10	8	2½	62/6	67/	...	7
New issue	160,000	10	8	2½	57/6	58/6	...	7
Commercial of Aust.	94,888	10	10/	...	6/10	...	...	...
Ditto pref.	2,117,290	10	10	8	5/1/	6¼	...	5
Com. Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	10	28	28	28½	4¾
N. of Aust.	1,192,440	8	5	3½	72/9	79/	...	5
Ditto, pref.	305,780	10	10	5	...	11/9/	11/6/	...
N.S.W.	2,000,360	20	20	10	48½	43¾	44	4¾
N. Zealand	427,319	6⅔	3⅓	5	6/16/6	6¼	...	5¾
N. Queensl'd	100,000	7	2	2½	13/	14/6	...	7
Q'sland Nat.	413,068	5	3	...	5/	4/6	...	...
Royal of Q.	457,466	9	6½	3½	63/6	70/	...	7½
Union	1,500,000	75	25	10	51	50½	51½	5½
DEPOSITS.								
A.J.S. Bk.—Class A.	...	...	...	3	19/6	19/3	19/9	3¼
Class B.	...	...	...	3	13/3	13/1½	13/4½	4¾
Cl. B., 1917	...	...	...	...	13/3	13/4½	...	...
Do., Insb.	788,038	...	...	3½	11/4	11/3	11/5	6¼
Com. of Aus. Assets	3,334,303	...	...	3	13/3	14/	...	4¼
E.S.A. Insc. pref.	880,419	...	...	3	12/3	12/1½	12/6	4¼
Do., def.	808,756	...	...	4½	16/3	16/3	...	5¼
Do., Deb.	988,547	...	...	4	17/	17/	...	4¾
Q. Nat.	3,110,021	...	...	3½	14/6	14/4	14/9	4¾
STEAM.								
Bal. Ferry	16,429	1	1	7½	27/6	26/	...	5¾
Illawarra	49,797	1	15/	...	21/9	21/6	...	...
How'd Smith 20s paid	250,000	20	20/	10/	18/	21/	...	...
Do., 5s paid	...	...	...	...	...	4/9	...	...
Ditto, pref.	250,000	20/	5/	5	...	...	...	...
Newcastle	100,000	1	1	6	22/6	22/	...	5¼
North Coast	181,250	1	17/6	8	24/4½	24/1½	24/9	5¾
New Issue	...	...	7/6	...	12/9	12/9	...	...
Sydn. Ferries	140,000	1	1	10	38/6	38/	...	5¼
Port Jackson	25,000	50	25	10	45/	44/	...	5¾
Ditto, Co-op.	8,745	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
INSUR'NCE								
A. M. Fire	62,500	1	12/6	14½	42/	41/6	...	4½
Mer. Mutual	45,000	1	6/	13/	16/	16/	17/	4½
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	15	94/6	...	...	6¼
N. Q'land	50,000	1	10/	8	14/6	...	16/	5½
United	66,225	10/	9½	22½	5¾	5¾	...	5¾
COAL.								
Bellambi	175,000	1	1	15	29/6	29/6	30/	10
East Greta	121,853	1	1	10	24/	20/	22/6	8¼
Hed'n Greta	42,350	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Hetton	123,665	3	5	6	41/	40/	45/	...
Newcastle	1,6.,000	11	10	...	6 16 4½	...	5¼	...
Stockton	95,621	1	1	4	3/3	...	3/6	...
New	...	...	16/	4	1/ net	...	...	...
S. of C'grdd.	80,000	1	1	10	27/	...	...	7½
Wallsend	40,000	10	4	†10/	19	18	19	...
Waratah	...	...	...	1/	...	7/9	...	...
Wickham & Bullock Is.	108,077	1	1	...	2/2	1/1	1/10	...
New	...	1	13/	...	...	...	...	...
Preferential	...	1	20/	...	5/3	...	6/	...
GAS.								
Albury	7,500	1	12/6	10	20/3	...	...	6
Australian	750,000	6	6	15	18¾	18½	18¾	4¾
Ditto New	...	6	3	15	10¾	10¾	...	...
Char. Towers	20,000	10	10	10	14/9	...	...	6¾
Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	51/	48/	...	5¾
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	27/6	25/	29/	6¼
MaitlandGas	15,800	5	5	7	...	6	...	...
Manly	10,000	1	1	8	26/	25/	...	...
Ditto New	5,000	1	10/	8	13/6	13/	...	5¾
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	7	18/9	10/	...	7½
Newcastle	45,000	2	2	15	6¼	6¼	...	4¾
Nth Shore	25,000	1	1	7	35/	35/6	37/6	3¾
Ditto New	12,500	1	15/	7	21/	...	31/	3¾
BR'W'RIES								
Australian	48,000	10	10/	...	2/	...	2/3	...
C. and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	4	10/	9/9	11/	8½
Perkins'	100,000	15	15	...	35/9	33/6	...	...
Toohey's	550,000	1	1	4	12/	12/	...	6¾
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	8	28/	27/6	28/3	5¾
MISCELN'S								
Aarons'	17,500	15	10	5	2/6	...	2/6	20
Aust. News	40,000	1	1	...	7/6	...	8/	...
B.H.W. Sup.	285,000	1	1	...	22/3	25/	...	...
Burns, Philp	250,000	1	1	8	30/10	30/6	32/6	5
New Issue	35,000	1	10	8	15/	11/6	...	5¼
Brooks & Co.	...	...	...	...	...	19/	22/	...
Do., pref.	...	...	...	...	...	20/	28/	...
Col. Sugar	2,085,290	20	20	10	39¼	39¾	40	4¾
Dalgety and Co.	1,000,000	20	5	6	5/1/6	5	...	6
Dunlop Pn. Tyre. pref.	80,000	1	1	7	19/6	19/	20/3	7
Emu B. Rail.	...	...	...	...	1/3	...	...	...
Emu & Pros. Gravel	27,200	1	16/	7	7/6	...	9/	15
Melb. Trams	480,000	1	10/	12½	25/9	25/9	...	4¾
M. de Piete.	74,400	1	1	10	39/	38/	...	5½
Mort's Dock	200,000	1	1	5	...	...	...	...
Ditto, pref	45,300	1	1	6	19/9	19/9	...	6¼
F. Food, Ice	91,720	12/	10/	...	9/	9/	9/3	...
Shale & Oil	80,000	17/	...	...	2d	...	...	...
New York Tob.	15,000	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Perm. Trust.	25,000	5	2/6	10	4/9	4/6	4/9	5
Perp. Trust.	25,000	10	5/	10	11/	10/9	...	4½
Richardson & Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	12/	11/	...	8¼
Silv. Tram	197,806	1	1	20	89/	87/6	90/	4¾
Syd. Exchge.	90,000	10	10	6	12½	12	...	4¾
Syd. Hyd.	75,000	1	1	10	31/6	31/3	31/9	6¼
Ditto	37,500	1	10/	10	15/	14/9	15/	7
Ditto Hyd. & G.E.	15,000	1	10/	15	15/	15/	...	10
Vol. Land Or.	...	...	...	...	120	...	...	...
Hall's Merc. Agency	12,000	1	20/	...	11/	...	6/	...
W. H. Soul, Patt. & Co.	120,000	1	1	10	37/6	...	37/6	5
LAND & BD.								
Excels. Dep.	...	...	...	...	9/	...	...	...
Haymrkt. D.	...	...	...	...	19/	...	...	...
Ind. Prov.	45,320	20	...	...	...	17½	20	...
Interc. Inv.	37,797	1	15/	9	20/6	20/	...	5¾
Newc. B. & I.	...	...	...	6	19/	...	...	...
Syd. Free. L.	17,500	7/6	7/	...	3/6	3/	...	...

* Where dividends are interim the yield is based on a year's distribution, otherwise on the last half-yearly one. † Per share. †† Ex dividend.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

On 'Change to-day Brewing Company's shares were quoted, b 6s 5d, s 6s 9d.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales and quotations were:—Sales: Brisbane Electric Tramway and Investment, ordinary, 27s 6d; Castlemaine Brewery, contributing, 5s 4½d. Quotations: Queensland Trustees, b 5s; Queensland National Bank, b 14s 3d, s 14s 9d; Queensland 3½ per cent. Loan, b £98; 4 per cent. Treasury Bills, b £102 10s, s £103 10s.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales were:—Victorian 3 per cents., 1930, £93 10s; Commercial Bank, pref., £6 5s; Silverton Tram, 88s 6d, 89s; Dunlop, pref., 19s 10d, 20s; Sydney Hydraulic, paid, 31s.

THE SPIRIT UNDERLYING CUSTOMS' ADMINISTRATION.

The following are extracts from Dr. Wollaston's book on Customs Law, taken from British and American decisions. These are well worth consideration at the hands of Customs officials and importers alike:—

"All charges upon the subject must be imposed by clear and unmistakable language, because in some degree they act as penalties.

"The subject is not to be taxed unless the language of the Statute clearly imposes the obligation. In a case of doubt the construction most beneficial to the subject is to be adopted.

"An Act imposing duties is to receive a strict and not a liberal interpretation so far as the imposition of duties is concerned, and should be construed strictly against the Crown.

"An intention to impose a charge on a subject must be shown by clear and unambiguous language. Where such intention is doubtful that meaning must be adopted which is most beneficial to the public. In cases of doubt as to classification the construction most favourable to the importer should be adopted.

"In cases of serious ambiguity in the language of a law imposing duties, or vague or doubtful interpretation, the construction of the law should be in favour of the importer."

If this were the spirit behind Customs administration in the department of which Dr. Wollaston is the permanent head there would be no cause for complaint. Instead, however, of any advantage being given to the taxpayer the invariable practice has been to place the revenue first, and everything else subservient to it.

SHOULD DIRECTORS' FEES BE INCREASED?

A correspondent writes:—"What you say about directors and their duties is quite correct, as everyone who holds a seat on a board well knows. There is, however, another point which you have not mentioned, and which appeals to me as being of some importance. I refer to the overcrowding of directorates with non-workers, who make no secret of it that they are merely after the guineas they receive as fees. Take any board you like, and I happen to sit on several, and therefore know from experience how these affairs are worked, and you will see that there are a few who do the work, while the others sit like so many sphynxes, patiently waiting for the end. At times they do not do this much even, but exhibit an indecent haste to close up the proceedings lest they may miss another board meeting being held around the corner. We all know that their anxiety does not arise from any desire to see to the welfare of the concern round the corner, but merely to add another guinea or two to their easily-earned hoard. What is had long seemed to me would be only right and just would be for a reduction in the number of directors. Why have seven or eight, when three or four would do, and now actually do do all the work? The reduction in numbers would save money to the companies, or I for one would be perfectly agreeable to increasing the fees of the smaller number who constitute the board. I know that many companies would not care to alter their articles of association in the direction I have indicated, and I mention the matter more as a word of warning to those new companies that, as you mention, are daily being formed." There is no doubt a good deal of justice in what our correspondent says.

LIFE ASSURANCE STATISTICS.

Part "Private Finance" of the "Statistical Register" gives some interesting particulars of the amount of business in force in connection with the chief life assurance companies doing business in this State. Here are some of the most important, the total amount consisting of ordinary business, inclusive of bonus additions, but exclusive of annuities:—

ORDINARY BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1904.

	Business in force.	Premium income.
A.M.P. Society	£64,616,946	£1,763,993
National Mutual	16,091,064	487,385
Colonial Mutual	11,146,439	349,648
Mutual Life Assocn. of A'sia	6,750,670	224,076
Equitable Life of U.S.	6,037,321*	235,577
Citizens' Life	5,640,151	208,081
Australian Widows	5,312,001	184,246
New York Life	3,088,433*	132,704
Mutual Life of N.Y.	2,370,574*	92,432
Australasian Temperance	1,797,941	65,330
City Mutual Life	1,479,351	56,476

*Exclusive of bonus additions, particulars of which are unobtainable.

There are some other companies, but their aggregate business does not reach one million sterling. Similar returns covering industrial business are given as follows:—

INDUSTRIAL BUSINESS RETURNS.

	Amount assured.	Annual prem. income
Citizens' Life	£4,020,511	£178,738
Australasian Temperance	1,570,993	91,517
Standard Life	597,270	32,294
Provident Life	405,270	17,899
Australian Metropolitan	395,033	15,132
People's Prudential	105,797*	6,019
Phoenix Mutual Provident	12,213	1,507

*Medical benefit business excluded.

ENCOURAGING EMPIRE TRADE.

The following questions are being asked by Mr. R. J. Jeffray, on behalf of the Commercial Intelligence Committee of the Board of Trade, London. Merchants are being circularised and asked to supply the necessary answers:—

1. Is the decrease of imports from the United Kingdom, as compared with foreign countries, continuing or otherwise as far as your particular business is concerned?
2. Can you give any reasons which, in your opinion, operate in favour of the relative increase of imports from foreign countries?
3. Can you offer any suggestion as to the best means of increasing imports from the United Kingdom, and particularly in what way your trade with the United Kingdom could be restored and maintained?
4. What description of goods which you handle may be regarded as such as should be obtainable from the United Kingdom as advantageously as from foreign countries?
5. In regard to which of the goods you deal in may it be considered that certain foreign countries (which name) enjoy economic or climatic advantages in production as against the United Kingdom?

MAKING GOVERNMENT SECURITIES MORE LIQUID.

A departure in dealing with the public debt of the State was suggested to the Victorian Premier on Tuesday by a deputation from the Melbourne Stock Exchange. There is before Parliament a bill for the conversion of Victorian stock and debentures, under which holdings in the State can be split up into denominations as low as £5. The object of this is to popularise Victorian stock, and to make it readily negotiable. The representatives of the Stock Exchange who saw the Premier (Messrs. A. J. Noall, chairman; R. C. Anderson, ex-chairman; E. Millard, and the secretary, Mr. W. Boulter) put another aspect of the case before him. At present the interest on some Victorian loans is payable in London, and on others in Melbourne. It is desired, in order to make stock more easily negotiable, that there should be power of transfer from the London to the Melbourne register, and vice versa, and that the place for the payment of interest should be likewise transferable. Ultimately the Premier promised that the Government would consider the question. It is not a new one, and it is known that some Ministers are strongly in favour of providing for the transfer from London to Melbourne, but not in the opposite direction. It is contended that this would have a very steadying effect on the London market. However, the Stock Exchange representatives pressed for facilities of exchange in both directions, and their views are to be considered by the Cabinet.

LOCAL WOOL SALES.

At the continuation sales held at the Wool Exchange yesterday afternoon, two large catalogues, representing 11,089 bales, were submitted. The attendance of buyers was large, but competition was not generally so strong, and brokers reported a decided weakness in the market, which confirms the reports during the earlier sales of the week. American demand was insignificant, and superior conditioned wools not showing fineness sold at lower rates. The market displayed weakness for all except bright, fine, and well-conditioned lines. Heavy or faulty fleeces were difficult to move. Medium or faulty bellies and pieces experienced diminished demand, with resultant lower prices, but the market for crossbred and lambs' wool was very firm at late rates. All the principal districts were represented, New England and the South contributing the bulk of the offerings. A Tasmanian greasy clip realised up to 13¼d, the top price of the day.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The "Review" for November is to hand. In its banking section it proves in a way satisfactory to itself that the opinions of Mr. Felix Schuster, chairman of the Union of London and Smith's Bank and former president of the London Bankers' Institute, the London "Bankers' Magazine," the "Australasian Insurance and Banking Record," and the "Sydney Morning Herald," on the probable effects of the increased production of gold, are founded on incorrect hypotheses and immature judgment.

The "Journal of the Institute of Bankers of New South Wales" for November contains a report of the visit of Lord Jersey to the institute, another Gilbart lecture, and other matters of interest to bankers.

The "Mutual Provident Messenger" defends the mutual as opposed to the proprietary system in connection with life assurance societies. It says:—"Under ordinary circumstances it is probable that a proprietary is as successful as a mutual control. It is when extraordinary circumstances arise, when wrong-doing takes place, when dissatisfaction with the management occurs, that the members in a mutual office have a remedy which is denied to the policy-holders in a proprietary company. The proprietary control is all right for calm waters; when the storm arises the mutual pilot is required on the bridge."

The following is a statement for the month ended November 30, showing the amount of Queensland Treasury notes issued, coin and notes held by the Treasurer, and Treasury bills vested in trustees:—Total circulation of Treasury notes at date, £1,260,361 (notes held by banks as per last returns £639,159, notes held by Treasury teller £3785, notes held by public £617,357); coin held by the Treasurer, £401,161; notes held by the Treasurer, £3785; current account, £40,000; fixed deposit receipts and all other securities held by the Treasurer, £820,355; Treasury bills vested in trustees, £1,500,000.

By the steamer Empire, which sailed yesterday, Chinese merchants shipped 18 boxes of gold, valued at £18,241, for the East.

Last year the Western Australian Government Savings Bank just earned sufficient to cover the interest payable to depositors, and expenses. It is feared that unless great care be taken, the current year will close with a loss.

ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, Dec. 5.

BANKS AND AUSTRALIAN STOCKS.

Bank of Australasia, unchanged, ½ lower, b 91½, s 92½.

Bank of New South Wales, b 42½, s 43½.

Union Bank of Australia, unchanged, b 47½, s 48½.

National Bank of New Zealand, unchanged, b 5¼, s 5½.

Bank of New Zealand, unchanged, b 7, s 7½.

Bank of New Zealand 4 per cent. guarantee stock, new issue, unchanged at *101.

New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company 4 per cent., unchanged at 94.

City of Melbourne 4 per cent., 1 higher at 101.

Melbourne Harbour Trust 4½ per cent. bonds, unchanged, at 102.

Melbourne Tramway Trust 4½ per cent. debentures, unchanged, at 105.

Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works 4 per cent. debentures, unchanged, at *101.

M'Cracken's City Brewery 4 per cent. debentures, 2 lower at 50½.

*Ex interest.

WHEAT AFLOAT.

Shipments of wheat afloat on the dates mentioned were as follow:—

	Dec. 5, 1904. qrs.	Nov. 28, 1905. qrs.	Dec. 5, 1905. qrs.
For United Kingdom	1,730,000	2,070,000	2,050,000
For Continent	1,345,000	2,320,000	2,600,000
Total	3,075,000	4,390,000	4,650,000

AMERICAN SHIPMENTS.

The quantity of wheat and flour shipped from the Atlantic coast of America during the past week aggregated 260,000 quarters, as against 150,000 quarters a week ago, and 44,000 quarters a year ago.

The Pacific shipments were 54,000 quarters, compared with 16,000 quarters a year ago.

METALS.

Dec. 6.

Copper on spot is quoted, b £77 2s 6d, s £77 7s 6d, a fall of 2s 6d per ton since yesterday; and three months, b £76 12s 6d, s £76 17s 6d, also a fall of 2s 6d per ton.

Lead, soft foreign, is 6s 3d per ton higher, b £16 8s 9d, s £16 11s 3d.

WHEAT SHIPMENTS.

The cargo of the barque Concordia, from Victoria August 19, for Falmouth, with 16,900 bags of wheat, has been sold at 34s 6d per quarter of 480lb c.i.f.; the cargo of the Invermay (in port at Wallaroo, to load for the United Kingdom or Continent), has been sold at 32s 3d per quarter of 480lb; a shipment of wheat by the Kamo has been sold at 21s 10½d per quarter.

BREADSTUFFS.

Business in wheat was almost at a standstill yesterday. Millers were not buying, and shippers were not offering more than 3s 3½d for delivery about the middle of December, and 3s 3d for January, which was much below farmers' ideas of value. Old wheat was unaltered at 3s 7d to 3s 8d per bushel, and sales of a few thousand bags were reported on this basis. Flour was steady at £7 15s to £8 5s per ton.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 406 tons of wheat and 134 tons of flour were manifested to arrive.

European Wheat Position.—Private cables received yesterday stated that the London and European markets were inactive. Recent cable messages were to the effect that the United Kingdom markets were dull owing to heavy Russian shipments. An extract from "Beerbohm's" of Oct. 27 shows that these conditions were scarcely expected. It reads as follows:—"Autumn sowings have been favoured by the weather in most parts of Russia. Unfortunately, serious labour strikes have now broken out in most parts of the country, and a state approaching anarchy prevails, so much so that it is difficult to imagine what may happen next. Meanwhile shippers of wheat have withdrawn their offers, and now quote very high prices. Vessels loading at Nicolaieff and Odessa find it difficult to obtain cargo, and a serious interruption to business is the result. How long this unfortunate condition of affairs may last it is impossible to foresee; but the effect upon the markets of the world is both decisive and immediate, which is not surprising in view of the fact that 40 per cent. of the total shipments to Europe since August 1 has come from Russia, and an even greater quantity is necessary during the next three or four months if the requirements of the importing countries are to be covered with anything approaching ease."

The above extract may be taken as another illustration of how frequently in the wheat market the most reliable forecasts are far wide of the mark.

Increase in American Shipments.—Reference has already been made in this column to the large surplus of wheat which will be available for export from America during the coming season. Already its effects are being felt in the shipments. Our cable message shows that during the past week the quantity of wheat and flour shipped from the Atlantic Coast exceeded the total of the corresponding period of last year by 640,000 bushels, the shipments from the Pacific showed an increase of 304,000 bushels, or a total of 944,000 more than last year. The shipments afloat for the United Kingdom from all sources are 2,560,000 bushels in excess of last year, whilst for the Continent the increase is 10,040,000 bushels. Doubtless the heavy buying by Germany, in view of the increased duty to come into force on March 1 next, accounts in some measure for the heavy cargoes afloat for the Continent. With wheat pouring into Europe in such volumes, nothing but an inactive market can be expected.

AUSTRALIAN FLOUR FOR CHINA.

We gave particulars some time ago of the opportunity that had been given to Australian millers by the boycott of American flour in China, and the extent to which it had been availed of to increase our export trade. Mr. Burrill, the special agent of the United States at Shanghai, has been investigating, and has sent a report to his Government on the subject.

"In 1904," writes Mr. Burrill, "practically every pound of flour imported into China came from the United States, but there is now a movement on foot by which the Australian product is to be introduced, and vigorous efforts are to be made to increase the demand and maintain the supply. A commercial agent, under the direction of the Australian Government, visited Shanghai about six months ago for the purpose of investigating trade conditions, and reported that, although the United States controlled the market in China, there was an opening for Australian flour, which, if properly worked, might be developed into a paying business. This report, it is said on reliable authority, will lead to the invasion of the Northern China market by the Australian flour manufacturers at an early date, but it remains to be demonstrated whether they can successfully compete with the American brands already firmly established and popular with the consumer. The opening of Manchuria will, however, unquestionably have an important bearing on the flour trade in Northern China, and manufacturers may be confronted with a disagreeable in the not distant future."

EXPORT MARKET.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 4106 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, and 54 bales arrived at Newcastle on Monday.

IMPORT MARKET.

There was a good deal of activity in woolpacks yesterday, and some heavy buying was done for next season's delivery. Calcutta quotations, however, varied considerably from different houses. Linseed oil was cabled firmer, and some large parcels changed hands on spot. Otherwise transactions were chiefly in distributing business, which continues fairly good. Tea sold rather more freely at steady rates.

The tea trade annual gathering and cricket match will take place on the Sydney Cricket Ground to-morrow (Friday). Play will commence at 11 a.m., and the luncheon at 1.15 p.m.

Tea.—Sixty packages of Ceylon sold at 9d to 9½d, 240 packages 7½d to 9½d, and 170 packages Indians and Ceylons to 10d.

Messrs. H. W. Carey and Co. will offer at their salerooms, Bridge-street, to-day (Thursday), at 2.30 p.m., under instructions from Messrs. Scott, Henderson, and Co., 300 packages Indian teas; also, under instructions from the same firm, a supplementary catalogue of 154 Ceylons; and under instructions from Messrs. Gibbs, Bright, and Co., 450 packages Ceylons.

Groceries.—Distributing business was reported to be fairly active in all seasonable lines, but wholesale transactions were few. Twenty tons of Gostling's whiting sold at 7s.

Dried Fruits.—Currants sold in trade parcels at 4d, and Smyrna sultanas at 6d to 6½d. Business was also done in dates at 3d, Mildura sultanas 7½d to 8d, and figs at 5s 6d in crates.

Eastern Produce.—Prices showed no change in these lines. Table rice sold at £21 10s to £22 10s in parcels, pearl tapioca at £22, and sago at £19. Canary seed was quiet at £22 10s, with some holders asking a fraction more. Pearl barley was quoted at £14, and split peas at £15 10s. Rangoon rice was worth £9 10s to £10.

Metals.—Moderate sales of fencing wire were reported at full rates. Ten tons of No. 8 galvanised wire changed hands at £10 2s 6d, and No. 10 was quoted at £10 7s 6d. Rabbit netting, 42 x 1¼ x 17, sold at £34 per mile, and some holders were asking higher rates. Sixty casks of cement sold at 8s f.o.b. in bond. Galvanised wire was firm, Orb being quoted at £18 15s, Redcliffe at £18 5s, and Globe and Trident at £17 5s per ton.

Iron and Steel Position.—"Pig-iron makers, encouraged by the strength of warrants and by the calls which are being made upon them for metal, are stronger than ever in the view which they take of the position, regarding it as thoroughly assured now for months to come" (says the "Ironmonger"). "Probably, too, their confidence is not misplaced. Fluctuations in warrant prices are inevitable, but these are not likely to exercise much influence upon the actual consuming and producing industries. As regards warrant stores, the process of adding to the quantity held there is still proceeding, but as furnaces are being taken off foundry iron and put on hematite, there is likely to be a change in the situation very soon. Business in half manufactured steel is good, though not so brisk as lately. American orders for structural material have been placed with German works lately, and orders are under execution here for half-finished material for shipment to the United States. Canada has sent some urgent inquiries for material to be shipped within a few weeks, so as to reach there before the closing of navigation."

Jute.—Woolpacks were active, and sales of about 2000 bales were made for forward delivery. Calcutta c.i.f. quotations varied as much as 1½d to 2½d from different houses. On spot packs had business at 2s 5½d to 2s 6d. Branbags were showing a somewhat easier tendency on spot, but quotations were still high. Private cables to hand gave the shipments of branbags on the Gracchus as 900 bales, although in another quarter much lower figures were advised. Cornsacks were quiet. Most holders were asking 7s for sacks, and buyers were offering 6s 10½d. Business was, however, very small. Shipments of sacks on the Gracchus were stated to be 200 bales only; but this is thought by several importers to be below the total. The Gracchus' total of sacks for Melbourne is said to be fairly heavy.

Oils.—Private cables advised an advance of ½d per gallon in linseed oil, making the naked cost of Blundell, Spence's 1s 6½d for raw, and 1s 8½d for boiled. Some heavy buying was done, 750 drums of B. and S. changing hands at market rates. Castor oil was quoted at 3s 2d, with a halfpenny more asked in some quarters. A still firmer tone is anticipated in this line.

Messrs. S. H. Harris and Co. will offer at auction to-day (Thursday), at the Mart, 284 George-street, at 11 a.m., a catalogue of boots and shoes; also leather goods, drapery, and gloves, w.a.f., ex Yarra.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney yesterday amounted to £12,094.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Wheat is unchanged. For old a few buyers offer 3s 6½d to 3s 7d. Market very quiet. New wheat 3s 3½d to 3s 4d. Flour, £8. Bran and pollard, 1s 3d and 1s 4d respectively.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

About 1800 bags old wheat sold at 3s 5d ex store. New wheat is quoted at 3s 4d for December and early January, and 3s 3d to 3s 3½d for January delivery. Business, including several thousand bags, at 3s 6d. Flour, £7 5s to £7 15s; bran, 11½d; pollard, 1s 3d to 1s 3½d. Barley quiet. Good malting 4s to 4s 1d. Algerian oats quiet at 1s 10½d to 2s 0½d. Maize market is affected by Sydney resellers at 4s 5d. Old chaff, 40s to 70s; new, 60s to 67s 6d; manger hay, £4 to £4 15s; old sheaves, £2 10s to £3 5s; new chaffing sheeves, £2 10s. Redsoil potatoes, £5 15s to £7; new potatoes, £11 to £12. Globe onions, £3 to £5 10s; Silverskins, £4 to £4 10s. Factory butter steady at 10½d to 11d. Eggs 8d.

Business in tea covers 200 packages of Ceylon up to 11d, 100 chests Indian up to 1s 1d, and 100 half-chests Panyong. Five tons small pearl and three tons medium pearl tapioca sold. Business done in new dates to arrive. Cornsacks quiet at 7s 1½d to 7s 3d. Woolpacks up to 2s 6d. Fair business done in cement.

PRODUCE INWARDS.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The steamer Wakatipu left yesterday for Sydney with 2527 bales straw, 70 bags oats shells, 16 bags peas.

HOBART, Wednesday.

The steamer Oonah left yesterday for Sydney with 1313 cases 311 half-cases fruit, 220 bags peas, 97 cases soap, 105 cases desserts, 402 cases pulp, 1023 cases jam, 36 bales hops, 15 hhds ale, 62 bales wool, 34 bags bark, 47 bundles willows.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

The observance by retailers of the usual half-holiday was depressing to business in nearly every department of the produce markets. Fluctuations in late quotations were in every instance on the down grade, prices for river maize and chaff being reduced.

The maize market was very dull, and holders of river corn reduced the price to 4s 6d per bushel. Even at the lower figure very little business transpired, showing that consumption has been diminished, or, more correctly, diverted to other feed. For Melbourne maize 4s 9d per bushel was still quoted, but apart from Queensland demand business was nominal. Some sales have been made of maize in store Melbourne, at from 4s 8d to 4s 9d per bushel, on account of Queensland.

The oat market continued quiet, with quotations still on a low basis, prime feed selling at from 2s 1d to 2s 2d, and milling at 2s 3d per bushel. New Zealand Gartons were rather dull at from 3s to 3s 1d per bushel. Chickwheat was in light supply, and found brisk sale at full rates.

Stocks of bran were light, and offers were freely made at 11d per bushel without much business. Supplies of pollard were still accumulating. Millers quoted 1s 1d per bushel for city delivery, and only made small sales. For export pollard was offered at 12d per bushel, but no business was reported.

Very heavy supplies of chaff continue to arrive, and owing to the abundance of choice green wheaten samples, prices for this quality declined. These cuts sold at from £3 10s to £3 18s 8d, and medium at from £2 16s 8d per ton. A truck-load of choice oaten changed hands at £4 per ton. Rather light stocks of imported chaff were held, but quotations were as before. Oaten hay found steady sale at full rates. Lucerne was well supplied, but dull of sale. Prime large bales of northern hay realised up to £3 5s, and small bales £3 1s 8d per ton. On the wharf agents still quoted from £3 to £3 5s per ton for prime dry green hay. The Newcastle steamer arrived with 62 bales, while 10 truck-loads came forward by rail.

Stocks both of new and old potatoes were light, but inquiry proved keen, at top rates. Wellington onions changed hands at from £5 10s to £6 6s 8d per ton.

Current quotations were:—

FEED-GRAIN AND OFFAL MARKET.

Barley.—English, 3s 9d to 3s 10d bus.

Maize.—Prime dry river 4s 6d, weevilly from 4s 4d. Melbourne: 4s 8d to 4s 9d bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian, feed 2s 1d to 2s 2d, milling 2s 3d. Tasmanian: White feed, 2s 11d to 3s. New Zealand: Gartons, 3s to 3s 1d, B grade 2s 11d to 3s bus.

Peas.—Blue, prime 5s, medium 4s 9d; grey, 4s 3d to 4s 6d bus.

Chickwheat.—Prime 3s 6d, medium 3s 5d, inferior 3s to 3s 1d bus.

Bran, 11d; pollard, 1s 1d bus.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Choice green wheaten £3 15s to £3 18s 8d, prime £3 5s to £3 10s, medium £2 16s 8d to £3 3s 4d, inferior £2 3s 4d. Melbourne: Oaten, £3 10s to £3 12s 6d, medium £3 to £3 5s. Adelaide: New wheaten £3 10s to £3 15s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, £4 10s to £4 15s ton.

Lucerne: Hunter River: Prime dry green £3 to £3 5s, old summer £3. At Redfern: Prime green small bales £3 1s 8d, prime large £3 5s, medium £2 18s 4d, inferior £1 13s 4d ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed—Tasmanian: £2/5s ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Circulars, £8 to £8 10s. Clarence River: Circulars, new £2 7s 6d to £9 10s ton.

Onions.—Wellington: New £5 10s 8d to £6 6s 8d, inferior £5 10s. Hunter River: £5 10s ton.

DAIRY PRODUCE MARKETS.

EGGS STILL FIRMER.

Trade in the dairy produce markets was on a restricted scale, as is usual on Wednesday. The butter market was quiet, but firm in tone, at 10½d per lb. The fight which was waged between two agents last week over a large South Coast factory has, it is reported, been carried into other quarters, several northern factories being affected. The former factory has secured ½d above market rate for December, and this competition may give these other factories the same advantage. This, in the face of weaker reports from London, must be highly satisfactory to the producers interested.

Cheese was in moderate supply, and sales were brisk, at full rates. Bacon sold well at quotations, sides being in particular favour. The egg market was again short of stocks, and as demand proved very strong quotations were improved. Demand on behalf of Christmas cooking materially assisted the market.

Current quotations were:—

Butter.—Choice 10½d, prime 10d to 10¼d, second 9d, pastry makes 9½d to 9½d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 5½d, small lots 5½d, medium sizes 5½d to 5½d, prime large 5d to 5½d, inferior from 4½d; Kameruka Cheddar, 7d; Bodalla, 7d lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 5½d to 5½d, bulk 4½d to 5d lb.

Bacon.—Best factory, flitches 5½d to 6d, middles 6½d to 7d, sides 6d to 6½d; Federal, sides 6½d, flitches 6d to 6½d, middles 7½d; Pineapple, sides 7d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d; Bodalla, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7d; B in circle, sides 6½d, middles 7½d, flitches 6d; A. I. and Co-op., sides 6d to 6½d; O. K., sides 6d to 6½d; F. F. and I., flitches 6d, sides 6½d, middles 7d; Rex, flitches 6d, sides 6½d, middles 8d. Hams: Colonial, 8½d to 9d; F. F. and I., 9½d to 10d; Federal, 10d to 10½d; Bodalla, 10d; O. K., 8½d to 9d; Pineapple, 11d; B in circle, 9d to 10; Rex, 10d lb.

Beeswax.—Dark, 1s 1½d; prime, 1s 2d lb.

Honey.—60lb tins, choice extracted 3½d to 3½d, good 3d to 3½d, candied 2½d to 2½d lb.

Eggs.—Northern, 8d; railway, 8½d; odd lots, 9d, suburban new-laids, 9d to 10d doz.

POULTRY AND GAME.

River.—Hens, old 2s to 2s 3d, young 2s 6d; roosters, prime 3s 6d to 4s 6d, medium 3s to 3s 3d; English ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 9d; Muscovy, 2s 6d to 3s, drakes 3s 6d to 4s; guineafowls, 3s 3d to 3s 6d; turkeys, hens 6s to 6s 6d, gobblers, inferior 6s to 7s 6d, medium 8s to 10s, good 12s, extra heavy 13s to 14s; geese, 4s to 4s 6d pair.

REDFERN SALES.

The trade was not so well represented at the Redfern auction yard, and a fairly large number of trucks were passed in unsold, though prices were without material alteration. Chaff was represented by 55 trucks and was, perhaps, a shade easier, though the alteration was not material. The first consignment of new season's oaten chaff came to hand, and realised 4s per cwt. Prime cuts brought 3s 9d to 3s 10d, good 3s 6d, medium 2s 10d to 3s 3d, and inferior from 2s 2d. Lucerne was forward to the extent of 10 trucks. Prime large bales made 3s 3d, good 2s 11d, and inferior 1s 8d. Good small bales went at 3s 1d. One consignment of rye straw changed hands at 1s 10d per cwt. Two trucks of Algerian oats were offered, medium quality making 2s 1½d, and inferior 1s 8½d.

Included in the consignees were:—Messrs. H. M. Suttor and Co., Ellis and Co., R. Hall and Son, Ltd., J. W. Gray and Co., Perniewan, Wright, and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Dalton Bros., Prescott, Ltd., Walker and Oxby, J. Bridge and Co., George Wells and Matthews, Dent and Perry, Wright, Heaton, and Co., Ltd., Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From McGrath, Derrain, (12285) 4s and 3s 10d; Logan, (5225) 3s 10d, (4908) 3s 10d, (1440) 3s 10d; Rowston and Boyd, Ganmain, (3730) 3s 9d, (8259) 3s 9d, (6904) 3s 9d, (5341) 3s 9d; Dwyer, Coolamon, (6243) 2s 6d, (7979) 2s 6d; Crocker, (866) 3s 9d; Lucas, (2625) 2s 6d; Holmes, Stockinbingal, (8185) 3s, (3767) 3s, (11661) 3s; Robinson, Gundagai, (9626) 2s 8d; McDonald, Illabo, (10020) 2s 2d; Burns, Temora, (1795) 3s 6d, (6943) 3s 6d; Logue, Webb's siding, (7107) 3s 3d, (3784) 3s 3d; Webb, (72) 3s 2d; Lewis, Eulomogo, (4181) 3s 3d; Graham and Smith, Ceres siding, (5212) 3s 3d; Blair, Finley, (384) 3s; Scott, Terrible Vale, (1506) 3s 9d, (2379) 3s 9d, (x16) 3s 9d; S. M., Orange, (11755) 3s; Harrison, Dubbo, (7716) 2s 8d; Logan, Ganmain, (3384) 3s 11d; Dwyer, Coolamon (12287) 2s 8d, (10970) 2s 8d cwt.

Lucerne.—From Palmer, Bathurst, (18) 3s 1d; Everson, Tamworth, (3564) 2s 11d; Sing Sang Yuen, Scone, (10074) 1s 8d; Hohan, Neminghs, (2506) 3s 3d cwt.

Rye Straw.—Davis, Newbridge, (197) 1s 10d cwt.

Oats.—From Twigg, Cowra, (5719) 1s 8½d, 2s 1½d.

FRUIT MARKETS.

At the Metropolitan Fruit Markets trade was fairly brisk, but stocks were generally of smaller dimensions than usual. Lemons were scarce, and white varieties realised higher rates, very prime selling at up to 7s per gin case. Oranges also found good inquiry at full rates. Apricots and cherry plums were reduced in price owing to the larger supplies available. Tebbutt's and Evans' seedlings were placed on the market, and sold at 6s per gin-case and 4s to 4s 6d box respectively.

Current quotations were:—

Oranges.—Common, choice 10s to 12s, good 7s to 9s, rough 5s to 6s, windfalls from 3s 6d to 4s 6d gin-case.

Tomatoes.—Prime 4s to 5s, good 3s to 3s 6d, small from 2s quarter-case.

Plums (Cherry).—Local, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; Tebbutt's seedlings, 6s gin-case; Evans' seedlings, 4s to 4s 6d box.

Cherries.—Local: Black, 2s 6d to 4s; white, 2s 6d to 3s 6d. Victorian: Black, 4s to 6s; white, large 6s to 8s quarter-case.

Pineapples.—Common, choice 6s to 7s 6d, small from 4s; Queens, choice 8s to 10s, small 6s case.

Lemons.—Choice white, 6s to 7s; prime yellow, 3s to 4s 6d; good 2s 6d, inferior from 1s 6d gin-case.

Bananas.—Queensland: 7s to 9s case, 2s to 4s bunch. Fiji: Nominal.

Strawberries.—Local: 9s to 18s doz; punnets, 6d to 1s 6d, inferior jam sorts 6d quart.

Apples.—Tasmanian: Sturmers, choice 9s to 12s, inferior from 4s 6d to 6s 6d; French Crabs, 7s to 8s, small from 5s bushel case. Local: Allsopp's Early, green 2s 6d to 4s half-case.

Apricots.—Prime 4s to 7s, small green 1s 6d to 2s 6d half-case.

Gooseberries.—Victorian, 3s to 4s; Tasmanian, 1s to 2s quarter-case.

American Fruit.—Californian apples, 14s to 18s case of four to five tiers.

VEGETABLE MARKETS.

The continued scarcity of vegetables at the Belmore markets keeps the prices very firm. Cabbages, 6s to 6s 6d, small 3s to 3s 6d; lettuce, 9d to 1s; pumpkins, 15s to 20s; vegetable marrows, 3s 6d to 5s; cucumbers, 3s to 3s 6d per doz; carrots, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; parsnips, 2s 6d to 3s; turnips, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; beetroot, 9d to 1s; spinach, 1s 6d to 1s 9d; eschalots, 1s 3d to 1s 9d; celery, 3s; watercress, 2s; mint, 1s; parsley, 1s; herbs, 1s; radishes, 6d; leeks, 2s 6d; rhubarb, 2s to 2s 3d; asparagus, 5s to 5s 6d per doz bunches; potatoes, Circular Heads 11s, kidney 14s; onions, 7s per cwt; peas, 4s to 4s 6d; beans, 5s to 5s 3d per box; tomatoes, 5s to 5s 6d quarter-case.

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Hill and Co., Live Stock and Produce Merchants.—Sales of Hay, Chaff, etc., held at Redfern daily.—Advt.

STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of December 11, 381 sheep vans and 120 cattle waggons; for December 14, 546 sheep vans and 112 cattle waggons.

TO-DAY'S OFFERINGS.

At to-day's sales of fat stock to be held at Homebush the offerings will be:—

Sheep, 42,000.
Cattle, 1049.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., report:—

Furskins.—Kangaroo, wallaroo, wallaby, and bear were in good demand at previous prices, while the market for rabbitskins was irregular, with prices easier. Opossumskins: 55,382 were offered. Brisk competition prevailed, and prices advanced 3d to 6d per dozen.

Quotations.—Grey kangaroo, large 48d to 79d each, medium 20d to 43d, small 8d to 16½d; red kangaroo, large 45d to 72½d, medium 18d to 40d, small 6d to 16d; wallaroo, large 40d to 52½d, medium 18d to 38d, small 5d to 16d; wallaby (scrub), large 16½d to 28½d, medium 3d to 16d, small 1d to 2½d; wallaby (swamp), large 18d to 37½d, medium 4d to 15d, small 1d to 3d; wallaby (rock), 1d to 8½d; goats, best 20d to 25d, seconds 3d to 18d; bears, best 14d to 18½d, seconds 3d to 13½d; rabbits, first 9½d to 10½d per lb, medium 7d to 9d, small and inferior 3½d to 6d; opossumskins, super grey 20s to 27s per dozen, first grey 15s to 19s, second grey 10s to 14s, super red 19s to 24s, first red 14s to 18s, second red 9s to 12s 6d, top rumped 8s to 10s, first rumped 5s 6d to 7s 6d, second rumped 2s 6d to 5s 3d, torn and weevilly 2s to 4s 11d, super black 40s to 46s, first black 24s to 37s, second black 10s to 20s.

Leather.—Sales were held yesterday by Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., and Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd. All descriptions sold with more freedom, and prices were higher. Kip advanced ½d, tweed ½d to ¾d, and sole ½d to ¾d. Basils were in short supply, and prices also ruled in owners' favour. Saddlers' lines were eagerly sought for, and higher prices were forthcoming.

Quotations: Cow tweed, 16d to 17d per lb; yearling tweed, 17d to 18½d; calf tweed, 20d to 22d; waxed yearling, best 17d to 19d, heavy 15d to 16½d; waxed calf, 22½d to 28d; kip, best light 14d to 14½d, heavy 13½d to 14d; dressed splits, 6d to 9d; sole, ex. heavy 12d to 13½d, heavy 10½d to 11½d, medium 10d to 10½d, light 9½d to 10½d, damaged 6d to 9½d; brown harness, 11½d to 13½d; black harness, 12½d to 14d per lb; bridle, 11s to 14s 6d per side; bag, 10s 6d to 15s; basils, saddlers' 10s to 20s doz, shoe 5s to 16s.

SYDNEY WOOL SALES.

Sales were held yesterday at the Sydney Wool Exchange, Bridge-street, when the quantity catalogued totalled 11,067 bales, and the sales, including private transactions, amounted to 9443 bales, as under:—

Selling Brokers.	Offerings.	Sales. At Auction.	Privately, ex Catalogue.	Privately, Uncatalogued.	Total Sales.
Dalgety and Co., Ltd.	5570	4493	198	22	4713
John Bridge and Co., Ltd.	5497	4290	150	290	4730
Totals	11,067	8783	348	312	9443

Except for bright, fine, well-conditioned lots, the market was not so strong as last week. Super-conditioned lines, lacking brightness, were 2½ to 5 per cent. lower, especially lines suitable for America. Heavy and faulty sorts were difficult of sale, and medium and faulty bellies and pieces also experienced a weaker market, whilst crossbreds and lambs' wool were very firm at late rates.

Dalgety and Co., Limited, presented an attractive catalogue, the greasy selection in which comprised some bright, well-grown clips from New England and the southern districts, also several fine haired lines from Mudgee, making altogether a good display of useful wools, only a small proportion being in heavy condition and carrying a little fault. Of scoureds there was a fair selection, the chief lines coming from the far west, and being of good length and quality, sound, well-grown, and in very fair condition. In the grease the highest price was 13¼d pair for 11 A w h of MCL over Werong over Yass, 9 A w making 12¼d, and 13 A h 11¼d, the wool being of good length, fine, free, soft, bright, and in good condition. Of RR over WV over Wellington Vale from Deepwater, 8 2nd com w made 13¼d, and 13 1st com w 13d, the wool being of superior quality and condition, deep grown, sound and free. Among the principal other clearances effected were:—RLJ over Callandoon (Goondiwindi), 10 AA com h e at 11¼d, 10 A com h e at 10¼d, 11 B com w h e at 10¼d, deep grown, fine, sound, dry; SK over New England (Armidale), 16 w at 11¼d, 10 e at 11¼d, good length and quality, soft, good condition; PHO over Doure (Yass), 5 Shrop e at 12d, fair length, fine, dry, bright; PHO over Conapaira (Whitton), 4 1st com e at 11d, 10 1st clo e at 9¼d, 4 2nd clo at 8¼d, good length and quality, sound, a little dusty; PHO over Currandooley (Bungendore), 37 A com e at 11¼d, 26 1st com at 12d, 9 2nd com at 12d, 6 1st clo at 10¼d, deep grown, fine, sound, slightly dusty; XE in dia (Rylstone), 26 1st com w e h at 11¼d, 31 1st and 2nd com at 11¼d, 7 1st clo at 11¼d, 27 1st and 2nd clo at 10¼d, 11 w h e at 8¼d, 24 2nd clo and bkn h w e at 9¼d, good length, useful quality and character, free, bright; H over Cowabee (Coolamon), 11 1st com h at 11¼d, 18 1st com w e at 10¼d, 40 2nd com h w e at 10d, 65 1st h w e at 10¼d, 41 clo h w e at 9¼d, good length and quality, soft, fair weight; Glenloy over A McF (Young), 17 A at 11¼d, 31 A at 11¼d, 13 A at 12d, good length, quality, bright, dry condition; McL over Hardwicke over Yass, 18 AA and A e at 12d, 21 B e and pcs at 11¼d, good length and condition, sound; BBR over Emmett Downs (Isisford, Q.), 59 A e at 11¼d, 58 A h w e at 10¼d, 58 at 10d, 49 at 10¼d, 17 at 10¼d, deep grown, sound, dusty tip, fair amount of condition; Moreduval (Quirindi), 12 e at 11¼d, 24 B w e at 10¼d, deep grown, good quality and character, in burry condition; Lee over New England (Limbri), 8 sup and 1st com w e at 12d, 6 1st and 2nd com w e at 11¼d, 13 A w e at 11¼d, 11 2nd com and AA w e at 11¼d, deep grown, good quality, very dry condition; Lee (Molong), 12 1st and 2nd com h e at 11¼d, 10 1st e at 10¼d, deep grown, super quality and character, bright and free; Eye (Carcoar), 31 C e at 10¼d, 80 1st pcs e at 9¼d, good length, fine, soft, dry, dusty; L in diamond (Molong), 24 e at 10¼d, 10 e at 9¼d, fair length, good quality, soft, free, very fair condition; HC over X (Dirranbandi, Queensland), 83 h at 10¼d, 42 e at 10¼d, deep grown, sound, useful quality, a little dusty; Illunie, 12 A at 12¼d, 47 B h w e at 12d, 6 1st necks at 12¼d, good length, fine, soft, free, good condition; JKS over Mariba (Bowning), 34 h w e at 12¼d, 23 2nd h w e and 1st pcs at 12d, fair length, good quality, soft, free, bright; DB over TBT (Young), 16 A w e at 12¼d, 20 A w h e at 12d, fair length, fine, soft, bright, in good condition; Wombramurra (Nundle), 9 1st and 2nd com at 12¼d, 6 1st pcs w at 11¼d, deep grown, sound, useful quality, good condition; J (reversed) J (sideways) over Cudgegong (Rylstone), 64 1st com at 12¼d, 5 ex clo at 12¼d, 22 2nd com at 11¼d, 23 1st clo at 11¼d, good length, fine, soft, free, part in generous condition; VK (conjoined) over Belara (Grenfell), 9 A xbd e at 12¼d, 6 BB xbd at 11¼d, good length, bright, soft, free; A r B over Cassilis, 34 AA h w e at 11¼d, 8 AA w h e at 10¼d, deep grown, sound, bright, super quality, burry skirts; A Mc over W (in diamond) (Goolagong), 16 com w e at 11¼d, 14 clo w e at 10¼d, good length and quality, soft, free; WM over M (on side) over Rosehill (Cootamundra), 49 w e at 11d, good length, fine, soft, liberally yolked; angle over EV over New England (Walcha), 32 com at 12d, deep grown, useful quality, soft, free, good condition; M (in circle) over Nangus (Gundagai), 98 A com e w h at 11¼d, 37 B com w h e at 10¼d, good length, useful quality, free, soft, good condition; JMD (Orange), 42 h w e at 10d, good length, useful quality, sound, free. Scoured: C and A over Alma Downs (Longreach, Q.), 4 A e at 21¼d, 10 B e at 21¼d, good length, fine, lean, very fair colour and condition; Gundabooka (Bourke), 36 1st com h e at 21¼d, 8 1st com e at 20¼d, good length, useful quality, dry, soft, good condition; RH over Kulki (Inverell), 16 pcs at 14¼d, 7 bellies at 13¼d, fair length, fine, fair colour and condition; Wangamana over AW (Bourke), 15 1st clo h at 20¼d, good length, quality, and colour, free; LG over Freshwater (Hay), 4 sup com at 21¼d, 4 sup clo at 21¼d, good length and quality, bright, sound; C (in block) (Boggabri), 48 S pcs at 8¼d, 22 1st lks at 8¼d, 29 lks at 7¼d, good bulk and quality.

John Bridge and Co., Ltd., brought forward a catalogue embracing a fair selection of greasy wools, including some good wools from the New England and Central and Southern districts. In the greasy section the highest price was 13¼d, paid for 8 1st of Leven Banks, from Tasmania, 20 bales making 12¼d, the wool being of very fine quality, soft, and free. Among the principal other sales were: MD over Willow Vale (Currabubula), 55 w e at 8¼d, good quality, fairly dry, but burry and skirty; Parkvale over PH (Hay), 17 1st com h at 10¼d, 14 1st com h at 9¼d, 7 1st clo h at 9d, 9 1st clo at 8¼d, long, rather dusty, few tender fleeces; AL over Cassilis, 16 h at 11¼d, 6 AA h at 10¼d, 36 w e at 10¼d, 8 pcs at 8d, fine, fairly dry, well grown; GB over Laura over New England, 21 1st com e at 13d, 7 1st com h w at 12¼d, 41 2nd com w e at 12¼d, good quality, fairly bright; EC over New England, 79 h w e at 12¼d, 17 pcs at 9¼d, good quality, sound, slightly yolky; CTE over Sobraon over New England, 20 1st w e at 13¼d, 7 1st h at 12¼d, 4 2nd h w e at 11¼d, fine, soft, sound, blue tinged; W in dia over Eastern Plain over New England, 4 A h at 12¼d, 6 AA h at 12¼d, fine, soft, fairly bright; CD over Bloomfield over G on side (Dalton), 11 h e at 12d, very good quality, shafty, a little irregular in appearance; JH conj C (Burrows), 12 1st h e at 11..., fine, bright, sound; JS in cir over Cullingeria (Temora), 5 AA e at 11¼d, 31 b w e at 11¼d, 13 A e at 11d, good quality, fairly dry, but seedy; O'Connell Bros. over Mudgee over Goodaman, 41 h e at 10¼d, 7 w e at 10¼d, 4 w at 10d, very good quality, carrying a fair amount of yolk; TDH over Blakney (Dalton), 86 h w e at 11¼d, fine, soft, a few fatty fleeces; L over JD (Binalong), 44 1st h w e at 11¼d, 22 2nd h w e at 11d, 15 1st pcs at 10¼d, 22 bro h w e at 9¼d, good length, fair colour; AXC (Bookham), 12 xbd and comeback at 12¼d, fine, well grown, bright; GWL over Fernhill (Tumut), 21 1st pcs at 12d, 9 at 11¼d, very fine, dry, bright, well got up; ST over St. Creek (Stuart Town), 127 w e at 12d, 7 xbd at 12¼d, 4 cb at 11¼d, 29 pcs at 9d, very good quality, long, sound, in good condition; EB over — over Binalong, 63 1st h w e at 11¼d, 17 h w e at 10¼d, fine, soft, fairly bright, slightly tender; GJ over Mylora (Binalong), 45 e at 12¼d, 8 B at 11¼d, bright, good quality, part tender, free; JW over Rockland (Blandford), 9 1st h w e at 12¼d, 7 2nd h w e at 11¼d, 12 clo h w e at 11¼d, fine, soft, sound, fair colour; TA over Armidale over New England, 84 1st w at 13d, 19 1st e at 12¼d, good quality, sound, fair condition; WE over D (Tumut), 18 1st com e at 12¼d, good quality, fairly bright, free; JWM over Allandale, 14 h e at 10¼d, 4 xbd at 10¼d, good quality, soft, reddish tinged; J over RF (Cowra), 40 h w e at 10¼d, fine, soft, few burrs; KP over Templemore (Marengo), 14 1st com e h at 11¼d, 10 2nd com e at 11¼d, 14 1st clo at 11¼d, fine, soft, good condition; IC over IC over Mostefield (Frampton), 8 1st lbs at 8d, fine, fairly bright, well grown; JB over Graham (Frogmore), 50 h w e at 12¼d, fine, soft, fair weight; Brookvale (Cumnock), 40 h w e at 9¼d, good quality, sound, a little skirty, and burry; CK over Alma (Bulyeroi), 44 h w e at 10d, good quality, chalky; JH conj. C, 12 1st h e at 12¼d, fine, bright, sound; TM over A over New England (Armidale), 5 h at 12d, 9 e at 11¼d, fine, soft, dry; TMcP over New England (Walcha Road), 12 h w e at 12d, good quality, fairly dry; M over Wombat, 22 at 11d, good quality, bright, a little skirty; WO over Lyndhurst over New England (Armidale), 9 h at 11½d, fine, soft, a little ticky.

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STOCK SALES.

CITY YARDS.

Calves.—At the Corporation Yards yesterday 245 calves were penned for sale. A fair proportion of this total was composed of good quality vealers, light and medium being scarcer than for some time past. Buyers were in full attendance, and included some outside operators. Demand was brisker, and prices all round were firmer than of late. Prime heavy calves went at from £3 to £3 5s, good 40s to 45s, good light to 30s, medium from 15s, and bobbies from 5s to 15s.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

Elder, Smith, and Co., Limited, report:—Cattle: 550 yarded, chiefly light and second class. Seventy from Queensland, 300 from the north, balance local. The large attendance, and graziers buying 100, caused a slight improvement in values. Prime beef realised to 25s. We sold 130 cattle. Sheep: 7800 yarded, including a large proportion of old fat ewes, for which values were weaker. Best wethers were firmer. Graziers purchased 1900. Quotations: Prime merino wethers, 13s to 15s; prime merino ewes, 10s to 11s; crossbred wethers, 14s to 16s; crossbred ewes, 11s to 14s. Lambs: 7000 penned, mostly good quality. Prices firm. Exporters purchased 2700. We sold 2000.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the live stock market to-day 1917 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 800 from New South Wales. All qualities were represented. Demand irregular, the fluctuations of the market being more pronounced than usual, but in most instances no material alteration was noticeable from last week's rates. Quotations: Prime pens bullocks £9 10s to £10 10s, extra ditto ditto £10 15s to £11 15s, odd beasts to £13 15s; good pens bullocks £8 to £9 5s, good ditto ditto (light weights) £6 15s to £7 10s; second ditto ditto £5 15s to £6 10s, with light steers from £4 15s; best pens cows to £7 10s, odd beasts to £11. 280 fat calves penned. Demand inactive, and prices lower. Prime steers and heifers sold to £5 5s, prime calves 40s to 55s, others from 20s; small vealers 15s to 35s.

MELBOURNE DEAD MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

In the metropolitan dead meat market prices during the week ended to-day ruled as follow:—Beef, prime bodies 20s to 21s per 100lb, medium 19s, prime forequarters 16s to 17s, medium 15s, prime hindquarters 25s to 26s, medium 24s. Sheep: Prime light weights, 2½d per lb, medium 2½d, heavy weights 2d to 2¼d. Lambs: Prime, 9s to 10s each, medium 7s to 8s.

AMUSEMENTS.

MISS STEWART IN "'OP O' MY THUMB."

Miss Nellie Stewart has generously promised the assistance of herself and company to the committee organising the performance in aid of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales, and will herself play the name-part in a new comedietta entitled "'Op o' my Thumb." The performance will take place at the Palace Theatre on Thursday evening next, when also the "Sydney Muffs" will present the favourite comedy, "Caste." This date has been changed by the committee from December 16, in order to fall in with the offer so kindly telegraphed to Mr. Coleman-Hyman (hon. secretary) by Miss Stewart.

CLEVER CHILDREN'S CONCERT.

Mrs. Geoffrey Harper's students' bright entertainment served to crowd the Centenary Hall from ground floor to gallery last night, with the result that the programme is to be repeated next Wednesday in aid of a fund to provide Christmas dinners for the poor. The principal item was the cantata, "Wonder Eyes," written by Miss Edith Harper, the fun and grace of which have been favourably mentioned on other occasions. About 50 children joined in the "speaking tableaux," with Violet Johnson in the name-part, Nellie Ferris as the Chancellor Wisewig, and Miss Lily Hay in the solo music. The whole affair was prettily presented. Miss Violet Johnson and Mrs. Geoffrey Harper were the principals in the prison scene between Prince Arthur and Hubert, which formed another success, and there was a scene from "King Lear," which had also been carefully prepared. "Dame Durden," by 10 little girls, attired as cowboys and dairymaids, proved highly popular, and there were items by Misses May Brunner, Nellie Ferris, Myra Wall, and Ivy Davis, all of which were much in advance of the general average on such occasions. Miss Mary Hay was the accompanist.

HOLMAN-MAYMAN RECITAL.

The costume dramatic recital at St. James's Hall last night opened with a repetition of the "Screen Scene," in which success was won on a similar occasion some weeks back. Mr. Neville Mayman's Sir Peter Teazle was again the strong feature, owing to its pathos and suggestion of robust age. Mr. Fred. Wilson was the Joseph, Mr. Wm. Holman the Charles, and Miss Lilian Booth the Lady Teazle. The last-named was at her best after the discovery in the touch of emotion at the reference to Sir Peter's kindness. The costumes were elegant, and the whole rendering was warmly applauded. The same artists were the principals, with a number of Mr. Holman's pupils, in Morton's laughable farce, "A Regular Fix." In the concert portion Miss Carrie Lancely's beautiful voice was well employed in Mozart's "Deh Vieni non Tarda" (encored), Miss Mary Bourke followed, "Beloved, It is Morn," with the encore-song, "The Little Silver Ring," in which the contralto sang with purity of expression; and Tosti's "Venetian Song" was acceptably rendered by Misses Claire Chubb and Joyce Ross. Miss Hilda Bevege recited "The Man from Snowy River" in costume, with much spirit, and infused an abundance of character into "The Amateur Rider," also by A. B. Patterson. Miss Bronsdon was the pianist of the evening. There was a large attendance.

MRS. PERRINS' ENTERTAINMENT.

An elocutionary entertainment was given by the pupils of Mrs. Perrins at the Masonic Hall last night, which opened with the final judging by Mr. Harry Leston for the annual competition. After this serious business had been disposed of, a number of humorous and dramatic recitals and songs, with a stately Grecian dance by the pupils of Miss Dunn, were presented, so as to secure the expressed approval of the audience. "The Girls' Carnival," in which each girl was dressed so as to suggest a game (Duchess of Battledore, Lady Tenniscourt, etc.), caused amusement, and the "Floral Birthday Greeting," in which each of the characters represented a flower, furnished another little spectacular effect. Mrs. Perrins' students also proved their mettle in the Court scene from "The Merchant of Venice."

TOWN HALL ORGAN RECITALS.

The city organist opened his recital yesterday afternoon with one of the Toccata and Fugues of Bach (in F Major) that is less seldom heard than others by the old Cantor. Mr. Arthur Mason played the Toccata brilliantly, and brought out all the grandeur that belongs to the terminal portion. The andante con variazioni, from the Serenade, for flute, violin, and viola, by Beethoven, had not been heard before at these recitals. It was marked by the utmost sweetness, and the tone combinations, with the soft vox humana at the close, in union with "suppressed thunder," was charming in the mystery of its effect. The "Ruy Blas" overture of Mendelssohn, brilliant and vivacious, delighted the audience, and was well contrasted with Pierne's dainty Serenade, which forms an attractive organ piece, though originally composed for pianoforte. Saint-Saens' melodious "Rhapsodie Sur Cantique Breton," Handel's "Largo in G," and Meyerbeer's "Schiller March," were included in an excellent programme. The city organist will give a recital and concert on Saturday.

MOSMAN MUSICAL SOCIETY.

The members of the Mosman Musical Society gave an oratorio concert last evening, at the Mosman Town Hall. There was a large attendance. The oratorio chosen was Haydn's "Creation," the principals being Miss Lynn Mills (soprano), Mr. James Crabtree (tenor), and Mr. Charles Rosenthall (bass). They were well supported by an augmented chorus and orchestra, led by Mr. G. Rivers Allpress, as a personal compliment to the hon. conductor, Mr. A. H. Norman, under whose supervision the oratorio was produced.

The Continental at the Manly Water Chute last night proved successful, there being a large attendance. The Vice-regal Military Band played selections, and the Orpheus Quartette sang. There will be a smoke concert on Saturday evening.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

E. C. V. BROUGHTON.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Suburban and Country Properties.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

S. DAVIS and CO.—At Kenilworth, Bondi-road, Bondi, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, China, Gas Stove, etc.

C. H. HARRIS and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Paintings, Water-colour Drawings, Miniatures on Ivory, Gold and Silver Coins, Chinaware, etc.

S. H. HARRIS and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11, Boots, Shoes, Leather Goods, Purses, Drapery, etc.

J. H. HITCHCOCK.—At Somersetville, 142 Enmore-road, Enmore, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Electroplate, China, Glassware, etc.

E. C. NEWBOULD.—At 238A Pitt-street, at 11, Furniture, Pianos, E.P. Ware, Bookcase, etc.

R. SUTHERLAND and CO.—At 112 Oxford-street, at 2.30, Furniture, Showcases, Fittings, and Effects of a Tobacconist and Hairdressing Saloon, etc.

H. Y. NORTON.—Stored at Messrs. Vintner and Co.'s, Camperdown, at 2, Furniture, Pianos, Carpets, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At 18 Walker-street, Leichhardt, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, etc; off Mitchell-road, Alexandria, at the rear of Balaclava Hotel, at 2.30, Furniture, Pianoforte, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 10, Umbrellas, Clothing, Books, etc; at 11, Furniture, Pianofortes, Glassware, China, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc; at 2, Jewellery, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At the Salerooms, at 2.30, Furniture, Linoleums, E.P. Ware, Books, etc.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At 276-8 Elizabeth-street, at 11, Furniture, Glassware, Sewing Machine, Carpets, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 351 Cleveland-street, Redfern, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Furniture, Carpets, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 3, Furniture, Piano, Sewing Machine, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10, Hair, Horns, etc; at 2.30, Tallow.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10, Hair, Horns, Bones; at 2.30, Tallow.

At the Wool Exchange, at 3, Wool.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 11 and 3.30, Cattle, Calves.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

A. BARNETT.—On the site of the Sydney Hospital, at 11, Building Materials.

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THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

EVIDENCE IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

The Tariff Commission took further evidence to-day.

Mr. A. Duncan, of Kapunda, said the consumption of fertilisers in 1903 was 44,500 tons, in 1904 52,000 tons, and in 1905 54,500 tons, showing an increase of 6000 tons annually. He could show deposits of millions of tons that would go over 64 per cent. Although they had this in sight, and had been struggling with it for two years, and had offered it in small and large quantities in this and other States, they had met with but little success, owing to the free importation of foreign rock and the manufactured article. The sales here only amounted to a few thousand tons. A duty of 10s per ton on manufactured super., and 5s on rock, would cause a demand for local rock, and their deposits would be worked and give employment to much labour, becoming a source of income to the Government. Under existing circumstances the industry would die. If fostered and encouraged, he had no hesitation in affirming that it would solve the unemployed problem.

Mr. G. E. Morgan, monumental mason, said rough scrabbled marble left from the pick should be duty free. This would make the work cheaper for the purchaser, and provide more employment. Colonial marble was of little use for monumental purposes, and was only useful for bases, blocks for railings, and steps. If an extra duty was imposed on the imported article, and almost prohibit the sale, they would be compelled to use colonial marble, which would mean the discharging of cutters and carvers. Imported manufactured or finished marble should be charged 35 per cent. duty, and carved figures should be admitted duty free as works of art.

Mr. J. E. Silver, of W. Silver and Co., boxmakers, on behalf of three firms, said the present tariff had not been in force sufficiently long to enable them to correctly gauge its ultimate effect upon the business, but the reopening of the tariff would tend towards disorganisation of trade. The duty on strawboards was 1s per cwt; the cost of importation from the f.o.b. home shipping port to the warehouse at Adelaide, inclusive of duty, was about £3 8s 6d per ton. The price in the home market fluctuated from £4 10s to £5 10s for unlined boards as the basis price. This gave local manufacturers of strawboards a protection of 40 to 45 per cent., exclusive of duty. Any advance on this rate would materially decrease their output of boxes, and necessarily curtail the amount of labour locally employed. Millboard, greyboard, leather board and woodboard, and manilla boards, were admitted at the same rate of duty as strawboards. It would enable them to successfully undertake work which they were now unable to do.

The chairman stated that the commission in Adelaide hoped to complete taking evidence this week.

SPEECH DAYS.

HOLY CROSS COLLEGE, RYDE.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with Holy Cross College, Ryde, took place in the Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, yesterday afternoon. There was a very large attendance, and in the absence of Cardinal Moran, who was unable to be present, Monsignor O'Brien occupied the chair. An interesting musical programme was gone through, in which the singing of Master J. Collins of "The Last Rose of Summer" and "Eileen Aroon" was a marked feature. The prizes were then distributed.

The chairman, in a brief address, remarked that the concert which had been given by the pupils was one of the best that he had heard in Sydney, and the singing of the old Irish melodies by Master Collins worthy of Andrew Mack himself. Holy Cross College was one of the youngest educational institutions in New South Wales, but under the Patrician Brothers its progress had been such that it promised to be one of the best. Although only established a few years ago, the accommodation was now not equal to the demands, and the enlargement of the college was a necessity of the near future.

On the motion of Mr. J. F. Hennessy, seconded by Mr. F. Butler, a vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding.

AUSTRALIA FOR THE AMERICANS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Permit me to make some reference to the letter of Mr. John Plummer in your issue of the 4th inst. The heading as above, which has been so freely used, is an absurdity. I have no connection with the harvester trade, though as I have had many years' association with the agricultural machinery business, I feel an interest in the question. Let us look at this thing fairly, apart from any hysterical nonsense about Australia for the Americans. We cannot confine the manufacture of goods to the country in which they were invented; if we could, Australian makers would not now be making many things, as American-invented mowing machines. There is no evidence that either of the American makers of harvesters, U.S.A. or Canadian, have endeavoured to cut the price with the view of crushing local manufacture. The price was maintained by mutual agreement between importers and Australian manufacturers, and the reduction in price of the imported machines, or some of them, has been brought about solely by the action of the Victorian manufacturers in their effort to create a monopoly in their own interests, and against the interest of the Australian farmer. We hear much of "dumping," and are told that Americans are dumping harvesters on to Australia. Now dumping is surely the unloading of surplus stock, but neither United States nor Canadian manufacturers have any surplus harvesters to unload here. What they send us they make on purpose for us, and sell at what they claim is a satisfactory profit. In one line they do send us their surplus stock, much to the advantage of our farmers. Having filled orders for their own harvest in reapers and binders, a surplus is, to some extent, disposed of here, and in this line the importers have had the market to themselves (or perhaps I should say the foreign manufacturers), since Australians have never competed with them. This trade is chiefly in the hands of the same two companies who are supplying us with stripper harvesters, Massey-Harris of Canada, and the International Harvester Company of the United States of America, and what has been the result? If we are to believe some press correspondents, the only result could be that these "foreign sharks" would exploit the country for their own benefit, at the expense of our farmers, but the fact is that in spite of this foreign monopoly prices have gone steadily down until, considering all that goes to the making of a binder, there is no agricultural machine so cheap. If this protectionist cry had not been raised by Victorians the same result would have been reached with stripper harvesters as with reapers and binders. As manufacture could be cheapened, the price would have declined, in friendly agreement between local and foreign manufacturers. I see a serious danger now to our Australian makers, but it is one of their own creating. They have practically challenged a great foreign interest to crush them. Events in connection with the binder trade have shown that there was no desire for anything but fair trade competition, but we may now get what we have challenged. It has brought a reduction in price; it may bring one which will be ruinous to our local makers, and against which they will be powerless. One thing more. All this agitation is said to be in the interest of Australian industry. Let us remember that our greatest Australian industry is not that of the workshop, but of the land, that the former is dependent upon the latter, and that only by fostering agriculture in all its branches and covering the land with successful cultivators can our local manufacturing interests be established on a sound basis. I am, etc.,

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THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENT.

THE SENATE.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The President took the chair at half-past 2 p.m.

TRADE MARKS BILL.

A message was received from the House of Representatives returning the Trade Marks Bill with amendments.

It was ordered that the message be considered on the following day.

Senator PULSFORD (N.S.W.) submitted that the standing orders did not provide for the Senate taking up lapsed bills, such as this was.

The PRESIDENT ruled that the motion was in order.

Senator PULSFORD moved to dissent from the President's ruling, and the motion was postponed until the following day.

ANSWER TO QUESTION.

The MINISTER FOR DEFENCE, in answer to Senator Walker (N.S.W.), said that 14,005 magazine rifles were taken over from the States, 31,094 breech-loading and 20,000 Martini-Henry rifles.

EASTERN EXTENSION COMPANY'S AGREEMENT.

The MINISTER FOR DEFENCE moved,—"(1) That the Senate ratifies an agreement entered into between the Government of the Commonwealth and the Eastern Extension Company, a copy of which was laid on the table of the Senate on August 19, 1903. (2) That the above resolution be communicated by message to the House of Representatives." He said that the agreement was entered into between the Eastern Extension Company, New South Wales, South Australia, Western Australia, and Tasmania in April, 1900, by which the States named obtained certain privileges from which Victoria and Queensland were excluded. This agreement was a perpetual one. Sir Edmund Barton, the first Prime Minister, however, entered into a new agreement, which was to have a currency of 10 years. The House of Representatives agreed to it in 1903, and it was moved in the Senate, but the debate was adjourned in order that the Pacific Cable Conference might be held. As the result of that conference, which was held in July of the present year, negotiations were started with the view of "pooling" the receipts of the two cables; but these had not been brought to a successful issue. He therefore hoped that the Senate would accept the agreement, which would determine the perpetual agreement made with the States, and substitute the one having a currency of 10 years. This ratification would be more to the interest of the Commonwealth than of the company.

Senator SMITH (W.A.) hoped that this badly-worded and indefinite agreement would not be adopted.

Senator HIGGS (Q.) opposed the motion.

Senator DE LARGIE (W.A.) supported the motion.

Senator O'KEEFE (Tas.) moved an amendment to the effect that this agreement should cancel all previous agreements entered into between the Eastern Extension Company and the States.

Senator KEATING (Hon. Minister) said the company would not accept this amendment. There were at least eight agreements between the company and the States, and some of them related to the acquisition and leasing of land. These would not be affected by the ratification of the agreement.

The debate at 6 o'clock was adjourned until a quarter to 8, to enable the Government to frame an amendment to carry out Senator O'Keefe's idea.

STANDING ORDERS.

The report from the Standing Orders Committee recommending certain alterations in the Standing Orders was further considered. The report was referred back to the committee for further consideration.

EASTERN EXTENSION COMPANY'S AGREEMENT.

The debate on the motion for ratifying the agreement made in 1902 with the Eastern Extension Cable Company was resumed.

Senator GRAY (N.S.W.) supported the motion in the belief that the new agreement would substitute the terminable one for an agreement that would be interminable.

Senator WALKER, after further debate, moved to add to the first paragraph of the original motion, "but only upon the following conditions, viz., that instead of article 25 of the agreement, the following shall be article 25:—'25. This agreement shall be in substitution for the two agreements, and the provisional arrangements mentioned in the fourth recital of this agreement, and this agreement shall expire on the 31st day of December, 1915.'"

After debate, Senator DOBSON (Tas.) moved a further amendment, "That the agreement should terminate at the end of 1917, instead of 1915." The amendment was negatived by 11 votes to 9.

Senator WALKER'S amendment was, after further debate, agreed to on the voices, and the resolution as amended was passed by 12 votes to 10.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Senate, at 10 o'clock, adjourned until half-past 2 on the following day.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTERS.)

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The Speaker took the chair at half-past 10 a.m.

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION AMENDMENT BILL.

The debate was resumed on the motion for the second reading of the Immigration Restriction Amendment Bill.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK (N.S.W.) congratulated the Prime Minister on the bill. They had to take cognisance of what was going on in the world, and the progress of one eastern nation had made it apparent that it was necessary that they should see that our relations were such as would make it possible to live in amity, and not provoke reprisal. He was glad to see an effort on the part of the Government to alter the restrictions, so that our attitude would be as little offensive as possible.

Mr. HUTCHISON (S.A.) said he could not let the bill go any further without entering his protest. The effort was one by the Government to try to placate what was known as the stinking fish party, and either there was nothing in it, and it was a sham, or it was going to do something that would injure the "White Australia" policy.

Mr. McWILLIAMS (Tas.): It is a rank piece of hypocrisy.

Mr. HUTCHISON said the Government had taken up the mistaken idea that by making a little sacrifice they might placate their opponents. If this was a sham, as the leader of the Labour party knew, more capital than ever would be made out of it by the Conservative press. The bill was a sham so far as it was trying to make Labour members believe that it was not dangerous. It was going to be a menace to the "White Australia" policy. A clause placed the matter of exemption from a dictation test in the hands of the Minister, and would mean the admission of aliens. They had been told that it was not the desire of the Japanese Government that their citizens should leave their country, and go abroad; yet, there was an increase of Japanese in Hawaii between 1904 and 1905 of from 24,000 to 70,000. They were there driving out natives, Chinese, and Americans, just as Hindoos were driving out natives and Britons in Fiji to-day. He could not see what inconvenience or offence had been caused to the Japanese. No Briton could go to Japan, and own a foot of land there or make a home without getting the express permission of the Government. The Australian Act was not nearly so restrictive against the Japanese as the regulations in Japan against foreigners were, yet they were proposing to pass legislation which would practically leave it open for an influx of people from that country. He had been disgusted in Queensland at finding storekeeping passing into the hands of the Japanese. He believed that the coloured people in Australia were going to be a great menace to the workers.

Mr. WATSON (N.S.W.) thought the charge made by Mr. Hutchison that the bill was a sham could be more justly applied to the original measure. He had fought to the best of his ability with a desire to have the shape of that bill altered, so that a clear statement should be put before the country. The administration, on the whole, had been fairly satisfactory, and there had been a diminution of coloured people in the Commonwealth. There were many matters in the new bill which would be of advantage. A number of loopholes would be closed up. Members should hesitate before dubbing the bill a sham. Under it there was a provision that a European language need not be insisted upon.

Mr. McWILLIAMS: Is not that a sham?

Mr. WATSON: It was not likely that any administration would take advantage of it.

Mr. McWILLIAMS: Therefore it is a sham.

Mr. WATSON: At the present moment a sympathetic Minister could let in as many aliens as he liked. The new bill put them in no worse condition than the original proposition, because they had in each case to depend upon the administration.

Mr. HUTCHISON: Well, if we are altering the law, why not do it properly?

Mr. WATSON: It would mean a total alteration, and at this stage of the session it was not worth while going into it to that extent.

Mr. HUTCHISON: The bill is not wanted.

Mr. WATSON hoped the Prime Minister would see the advisability of applying to clause 6 a similar provision to that which he had given notice of in respect to another clause, namely, to ensure that Parliament should be consulted before any binding arrangement should be entered into with other nations with respect to the admission of their subjects.

The PRIME MINISTER: I have no objection.

Mr. WATSON did not think there should be any objection to the bill.

Mr. McCOLL (Vic.) thought the bill should be passed with as little delay as possible.

Mr. FRASER (W.A.) said he could not become enthusiastic over the proposal. Although he might be found voting for the second reading, he would use his efforts in committee to obtain alterations.

Mr. McWILLIAMS thought they should be honest.

Mr. WATKINS (N.S.W.): Is it to let them in or to keep them out?

Mr. McWILLIAMS: People outside should be dealt with honestly, and if they did not want to let them in they should say so.

Mr. BATCHELOR (S.A.) did not think the bill would make the slightest difference, and he would vote for it.

Mr. GLYNN (S.A.) was of opinion that there was not the danger to be apprehended that some members seemed to think. Still possibilities had to be provided against.

Mr. McLEAN (Vic.) considered the bill a step in the right direction, without departing from the policy of Australia. It was reasonable that the desires of the mother country should be met.

Mr. WATKINS said there was nothing in the new bill to alter matters in regard to a ship's crew. He gave a case in which a Chinese deserted from a vessel. The agents offered £5 reward for him, and deposited £100. He was not found, and the agents were fined £10, and the £100 deposit was returned to them. It turned out afterwards that the Chinese was owed £25 by the vessel for wages, and the agents consequently made £15 by the transaction.

The PRIME MINISTER pointed out the clause by which masters, owners, or agents were under a penalty of £100, under the new bill, if an alien was allowed to land.

Mr. WATKINS questioned whether a fine of £100 would be sufficient.

Mr. M'DONALD (Q.) thought the matter required more consideration than was possible at so late a stage of the session, and he was opposed to the bill.

Mr. CARPENTER (W.A.) was not convinced that the Government had justified themselves in asking the House to pass any such provision as that contained in clause 4 "certificates of exemption." In particular there was no official intimation that either Great Britain or Japan had made any specific request on the question.

The PRIME MINISTER: That is correct.

Mr. CARPENTER: The understanding was that in some way an intimation had been received that the irritation would be removed by some such course as this in regard to England's ally. That raised the question of how far Australian legislation should be affected by Imperial considerations. He would support the second reading, but would further deal with the question in committee.

Mr. CONROY (N.S.W.) objected to so much administrative power being placed in the hands of the Minister. It was not right to hurry the matter through at the far end of the session. No one had had time to consider the new amendments which had been circulated.

Mr. D. A. Thomson (Q.) and Mr. Webster were opposed to the bill.

Mr. HUGHES (N.S.W.) objected to the amendment of the Prime Minister, which was to be proposed, making the prescribing of the language for the dictation test a matter of regulation, which would have to lie on the table of the House for 30 days, subject to Parliamentary approval or disapproval. Its effect would be merely to transfer responsibility from the Executive to the Parliament. He could not see that it would be of any use to the Japanese. He would not vote against the second reading, but would endeavour to have the language clause so framed that the "white Australia" policy would not be endangered.

Mr. PAGE (Q.) said that as long as he had a voice in Parliament he would vote for the exclusion of coloured people. An American Senator told him recently that in 100 years the people of Australia would bless Federal legislators for what they had done in the way of restricting the influx of aliens. The colour problem was the great problem in the United States.

After other members had spoken, a division was taken on the second reading of the bill, which resulted in 39 voting for it, and six against, the minority being Messrs. D. A. Thompson, Mahon, Fraser, Thomas, M'Donald, and Hutchison.

The House then went into committee of the whole.

Clause 3, "Prohibited immigrants."

This clause was an amendment of section 3 of the principal Act. It provided that 50 words should be dictated in any prescribed language in place of any European language.

The PRIME MINISTER moved the addition of the following new clause:—

"No regulation prescribing any language shall have any force until it has been laid before both Houses of Parliament for 30 days, or if within that time a resolution has been proposed in either House of Parliament, to disapprove of the regulation until the motion has been disposed of."

"Until some language has been prescribed, the language authorised by the principal Act shall be deemed to be prescribed within the meaning of this Act."

He said there was no hypocrisy about the matter. From the first it had been stated that it was intended by the dictation test to keep out people deemed undesirable. There was no alteration in the law beyond the removal of the word "European" from the Act, which would remove the impression of discrimination between Eastern peoples and others.

Mr. JOSEPH COOK said he would vote against the amendment. He was prepared to trust any Government that might be in power to administer the Act. It was proposed to remove the offensive word, but not the offensive thing, and was a sheer pretence.

The PRIME MINISTER said the proposal would not diminish Ministerial responsibility, which would remain sufficient to cover cases of urgency that might arise. It would be left to the Parliament to dictate what it was justified in dictating. He had never held out hope in any communications whatever of doing anything more than altering a particular word. The policy of the Commonwealth would absolutely remain unchanged.

Mr. DUGALD THOMSON (N.S.W.) said the laws in Japan were much more severe against foreigners than were the laws of the Commonwealth against Japanese. The laws were very strictly enforced there. If, however, the alteration would avoid wounding the susceptibilities of a friendly nation there was no reason why it should not be made. He was against the proposed additional amendment, which was an evasion of Ministerial responsibility.

Mr. WEBSTER moved that the words "an European" should be substituted for "any prescribed" in the clause under discussion.

The amendment was negatived by 31 votes to 13.

The PRIME MINISTER proposed an addition to the amendment as follows:—"If before the regulation comes into force a resolution disposing of it is passed by either House of Parliament the regulation shall be of no effect." The addition was to meet a contingency which had been overlooked in drafting.

This was agreed to, and the amendment with the addition was carried by 33 votes to 13, the minority being Messrs. Skene, Dugald Thomson, J. Cook, Robinson, Johnson, Wilson, Fuller, S. Smith, M'Williams, Lonsdale, Liddell, R. Edwards, and Glynn.

Mr. GLYNN said cases of hardship had occurred in regard to certain Chinese, who had been a long time resident in Australia, and on going to China wished to bring their wives and children back with them. He suggested an amendment of the principal Act to meet such cases.

The PRIME MINISTER said that some time ago it had become necessary to stop large numbers of Chinese who were being brought in as relatives of residents. Individual cases, in which old residents were being harshly treated, would have due consideration.

The amended clause in the bill was then agreed to.

Clause 6. Proposed that a new clause should follow section 4 of the Act, providing that on an arrangement being made with a foreign country its subjects paying a visit could be required to pass the dictation test.

Mr. HIGGINS moved as an amendment "That notice of such arrangement should not be issued until the arrangement had been sanctioned by resolution of both Houses of Parliament."

The amendment was agreed to, and the clause was passed.

The section in regard to masters or agents of vessels providing for the passage away of prohibited immigrants was amended by the provision making the masters or agents liable for a fair sum to recoup the maintenance of the prohibited immigrant while in the State awaiting deportation.

The bill was then reported, and was read the third time.

COMMERCE BILL.

The Senate's amendments to the Commerce Bill were agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT.

The House adjourned at 10.10 p.m. till 10.30 o'clock the following morning.

SPORTING.

THE TURF.

Wallabadah, who so regularly disappoints his admirers in public by stopping at the starting barrier, was given a sound drilling at the gate at Randwick yesterday morning, and jumped off every time as smartly as a hare, but his alacrity was, doubtless, due to the presence of his trainer, J. Cook, in the rear, armed with a stockwhip. Perhaps if this policy were adopted in a public race Wallabadah you'd jump off quickly instead of hanging at the tapes as he usually does. Florance, Blent, Clemton, and several others also received some instruction in starting, and the trio named acquitted themselves well at the business.

Cocos, who, our Launceston correspondent wires, had to be destroyed, as the result of a savage attack on one of his attendants, was bred at the Kirkham stud in 1895, and was a full brother to Cobbity and Coil, being by Abercorn from Copra, by Robinson Crusoe from Cocoanut (imp.), by Nutbourne. As a two-year-old he won the V.A.T.C. Debutant Stakes, and the following season his winning record comprised A.J.C. Duff Memorial Stakes, V.A.T.C. Eclipse Stakes, V.R.C. Derby, and Spring Stakes. His success in the Derby was only achieved after a most determined fight with Bobadil, who started a red-hot favourite, and whose defeat was looked upon as almost impossible. As a four-year-old he did nothing, and was afterwards retired to the stud.

The summer meeting of the Tamworth Jockey Club will take place on January 31 and February 1, instead of February 13 and 14, as it had been found that the latter dates would clash with another race fixture.

It is not often the public get such a routing at Kensington as they got yesterday, for in only one event was the favourite successful, while Siege Gun, Silver Rose, and Kilcoy were rank outsiders. Lady Isabel, who did backers a good turn in the Maiden Stakes, is very well bred, being by Haut Brion (imp.) from Miss Westbourne (imp.), by Westbourne from Little Gordon, by Oxford.

Owners and trainers should note that general entries for the Tattersall's annual meeting close at 4 p.m. on Monday.

City Tattersall's Club has passed a regulation that any member betting for cash on the club's premises, or within their precincts, will render himself liable to a fine of £50.

The hurdle racer Belmore II. was submitted to auction at Inglis' Bazaar yesterday, and realised 27 guineas, the purchaser being Mr. J. O'Brien.

Mr. C. E. McDougall, the well-known breeder of Lyndhurst, Queensland, sustained a severe loss last week by the death of his brood mare, Her Majesty. From the after effects of strangles the mare developed extraordinary symptoms, her head swelling to an abnormal size, and her legs puffing and exuding blood. Her Majesty was by Archie, from Empress, and consequently a full sister to the Sydney Cup winner Realm, and Czarina, the dam of Alexis, who won the Q.T.C. Derby on Saturday.

Crossbar, who won the Nursery Handicap at the Western Australian T. C. meeting on Saturday, was bred by Sir F. Suttor in this State. He is a brown colt by Barragunda (son of Bill of Portland), from Anacrostic, by Epigram, from Moneta by Yattendon. Crossbar was bought by P. Bolger at the last yearling sales in Sydney for 35 guineas.

VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A mild sensation was caused on the Aspendale Park course to-day when the racehorses Mat and Fast Lady, which were trained by T. Wilson, were seized, presumably under an order of the Court.

An appeal was to-day lodged with the V.R.C. committee by D. Robertson against the decision of the Sandown Park stewards in disqualifying Blackthorn, the winner of the Sandown Purse, run on Tuesday; and awarding the race to King of the Day. The ground of the appeal is that there was no wilful interference, if any.

DEATH OF COCOS.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

The thoroughbred sire Cocos, who was imported by Mr. H. P. Harrison, of Waverley, three seasons ago, has been shot. The animal savagely attacked his attendants, fixing his teeth in the biceps of one of them, and as drastic measures failed to make Cocos release his hold, a bullet ended his career.

ASPENDALE PARK RACES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

A shower or two fell at Aspendale Park, but otherwise the weather was pleasant, but the attendance was only moderate. Details:—

Maiden Plate, 5f.—Harris's Boeo, by Bobadil—Ginevra, 7st 7lb (Accola), 1; Mr. Stanley's Orline, 7st (Foulsham), 2; Mr. Thomas's Rose Masham, 7st 7lb (E. Andrews), 3. Other starters: Canopus, 8st; Claro, 7st 12lb; Scion, 7st 9lb; Divine, 7st 9lb; Murska, 7st 7lb; Metheglin, 7st 7lb; Portland Bob, 7st; Prefect, 7st; Assistance, 6st 9lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v Boeo, 5 to 1 each v Canopus and Rose Masham, 7 to 1 v Murska, 8 to 1 v Assistance, 10 to 1 v Claro. Won by three lengths. A bad third. Prefect was last. Time, 1m 4s.

Aspendale Plate, 6f.—Mr. Piper's Conclusion, by Bobadil—Surmise, 8st 8lb (W. Minter), 1; Mr. Stanley's Nigel, 7st 8lb (Foulsham), 2; Mr. Luttrell's Staple, 8st 2lb (A. Smith), 3. Betting: 2 to 1 on Nigel, 2 to 1 v Staple, 7 to 1 v Conclusion. Won by a head, a half a length between second and third. Time, 1m 18½s.

Aspendale Park Handicap, 1m.—Messrs. Fountain and Kelly's Postique, by Positano—Bangle, 7st 10lb (G. Ross), 1; Mr. Barr's President, 7st 8lb, including 1lb over (A. E. Cornwell), 2; Mr. Griffiths's Blair, 6st 10lb (T. Davis), 3. Other starters: Thetis, 6st 8lb; Fast Lady, 6st 7lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v President, 2 to 1 v Postique, 4 to 1 v Blair, 12 to 1 v others. Won by a head, a length between second and third. Thetis was fourth. Time, 1m 46s.

Steeplechase, about 2m.—Mr. Lempriere's Black Spider, by Meteor—Web, 9st 12lb (E. Thomas), 1; Mr. Seewin's Tanifa, 9st 7lb, including 1lb over (J. L. Cox), 2; Mr. Uphill's Bones, 10st 3lb, including 7lb penalty (F. Burn), 3. Other starters: Ascoteer, 9st 5lb; Morcome, 9st 4lb; Ding Dong, 9st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Black Spider, 5 to 2 v Morcome, 3 to 1 v Bones, 6 to 1 v Ascoteer. Won by six lengths, a bad third. Morcome and Ding Dong fell. Time, 4m 5½s.

Aspendale Purse, 6f.—Mr. Walsh's Sherman, by Havoc—Caroline, 7st 11lb (W. Minter), 1; Mr. Tantram's King of Day, 7st 3lb, including 7lb penalty (Foulsham), 2; Mr. Murray's Booran, 7st 9lb (A. E. Cornwell), 3. Other starters: Sirenis, 8st 9lb; Mat, 8st 3lb; Fairy Queen, 7st 9lb; Catrin, 7st 2lb; Busybody, 7st; Scion, 6st 12lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v Sherman, 7 to 2 v Sirenis, 4 to 1 v King of Day, 8 to 1 v Catrin, 10 to 1 v Fairy Queen. Won by a length and a half, a bad third. Sirenis was fourth, and Fairy Queen last. Time, 1m 17s.

High-weight Handicap, 1m.—Mr. Perry's Despatch, by Ruenalf—Miss Mayo, 7st 2lb (A. E. Cornwell), 1; Mr. Odonoghue's Bail, 9st 2lb (J. Chevally), 2; Mr. Davis's Ma Mie Rosette, 7st 8lb (W. Minter), 3. Other starters: Louie, 8st 7lb; Sardine, 8st 2lb; Van Tromp, 8st 2lb; Wilfred, 8st; Belvoir, 8st. Betting: 5 to 2 v Ma Mie Rosette, 7 to 2 v Bail, 4 to 1 each v Despatch and Belvoir. Won by three lengths, two lengths between second and third. Belvoir was fourth, and Van Tromp last. Time, 1m 47s.

MUDGEE DISTRICT RACING CLUB.

SPRING MEETING.

MUDGEE, Wednesday.

The spring meeting of the Mudgee District Racing Club was held to-day, but was only moderately attended. The fields, too, were small. Results:—

Opening Handicap, 6f.—Mr. E. J. Gosmge's Trylee, 7st 7lb, 1; Mr. J. Archer's Cardigan, 7st 7lb, 2; Mr. C. T. New's Peer, 9st 7lb, 3. Betting: Even money on Trylee, 3 to 1 v others. Won comfortably. Time, 1m 18s.

Hack Race, 6f.—Mr. E. A. Shaw's Muscateer, 9st 2lb, 1; Mr. J. Birtle's At Last, 8st 9lb, 2; Mr. A. Minchen's Partridge, 8st, 3. Betting: Even money on Partridge, 2 to 1 v Muscateer, 5 to 1 v At Last. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 22s.

Spring Handicap, 1m.—Mr. E. J. Gosmge's Trylee, 7st 12lb, 1; Mr. H. White's Downfall, 8st 5lb, 2; Mr. C. T. New's Peer, 9st 5lb, 3. Other starters: Muscatel and Cardigan. Won comfortably. A good race for second place. Time, 1m 48 1-5s.

Farmers' Handicap, 6f.—Mr. W. Rayner's Melody, 8st 9lb, 1; Mr. J. Birtle's At Last, 9st 3lb, 2; Mr. J. Archer's Gift, 8st 12lb, 3. Betting: Even money on Gift, 2 to 1 v Melody, 4 to 1 v Muscateer, 5 to 1 v others. Won by four lengths. Time, 1m 20 4-5s.

Bombira Handicap, 6f.—Mr. J. Ogilvie's Pupil, 8st 7lb, 1; Mr. A. Minchen's Partridge, 2. Betting: 5 to 4 on Partridge, even money on Pupil. When the barrier rose Partridge refused to move, and Pupil, cantering round, was declared the winner.

Farewell Handicap, 6f.—Mr. W. Rayner's Melody, 9st 3lb, 1; Mr. J. Ogilvie's Pupil, 8st, 2; Mr. C. Harford's St. Cloud, 9st 7lb, 3. Betting: Even money on St. Cloud, 5 to 4 v Melody, 3 to 1 v Pupil. This proved to be the best race of the day, Melody winning by a head. Time, 1m 23s.

KYOGLE J.C. MEETING.

KYOGLE, Wednesday.

The Kyogle Jockey Club meeting was held to-day. Results:—

Opening Handicap.—Trick, 1; Armlet, 2; Darston, 3.

Trial Handicap.—Skylark, 1; Ena, 2.

Kyogle Club Handicap.—Crusheen, 1; Lady Hopetoun, 2; Darston, 3.

Selling Race.—Reflection, 1; Chloride, 2; Evening Light, 3.

Welter Handicap.—Trick, 1; Dracular, 2; Juno, 3.

Farewell Handicap.—Darston, 1; Dracular, 2; True Girl, 3.

KENSINGTON RACES.

The weekly pony and galloway meeting was held at Kensington yesterday, in very pleasant weather, and attracted a large attendance. The track was in first-rate order, and the racing of a high class. Results:—

Fifteen-hands Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 sovs, 5f.—L. Bomen's Chlorine, by Churchill—Sea Rippie, 8st (A. Wagner), 1; H. J. Robinson's Sparrow, 7st 12lb (M. Connell), 2; J. Barron's Church Hour, 7st 2lb (A. Jaques), 3. Other starters: Kola, 9st 5lb; Pearlash, 8st 8lb; Morok, 8st 7lb; Lady Loch, 8st 6lb; Freedom, 8st 4lb, inc. 1lb over; Remark, 7st 9lb, inc. 1lb over; Sweetheart, 7st 8lb; Scotch Pebble, 7st 9lb, inc. 2lb over; Grafter, 7st 5lb; Bernice, 7st 5lb; Admission, 7st 5½lb, inc. 1½lb over; Beda, 7st 2lb; Lochie, 7st; Violetta, 7st. Betting: 7 to 4 v Sparrow, 5 to 1 v Morok, 6 to 1 v Sweetheart, 7 to 1 v Chlorine, 10 to 1 v others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 5s.

Fourteen-one Welter Handicap of 20 sovs, second 2 sovs, 4½f.—T. Nelson's Siege Gun, by Hastings—Blarney mare, 9st 6lb (J. Killorn), 1; M. Stribble's Clare, 8st 4lb (W. M'Mahon), 2; W. Taylor's Bid, 10st 1lb (F. Williams), 3. Other starters: Energy, 10st; Romany Lass, 9st 3lb; Parrakeet, 8st 6lb; The Wasp, 8st 2lb; My Fancy, 8st 2lb; Clarionette, 8st; Blarneyette, 8st. Betting: 2 to 1 each v Energy and Bid, 5 to 2 v Clare, 14 to 1 each v Siege Gun and others. Won by three-parts of a length. Time, 1m.

Maiden Stakes of 20 sovs, second 5 sovs, 5½f.—J. Jeffries' Lady Isabel, by Haut Brion (imp.)—Miss Westbourne (imp.), 9st 1lb (J. Killorn), 1; J. A. Griffiths' Aurania, 8st 12lb (F. Williams), 2; W. Rose's Klarum, 8st 8lb (C. Cooper), 3. Other starters: Crocus, 9st 5lb; Baldoyle, 9st 3lb; Gladness, 9st 3lb; Lady Doris, 9st 3lb; Chatston, 9st 3lb; Flaneur, 9st; Rose Bloom, 9st; Selenda, 9st; Electric Light, 8st 12lb; Stage Life, 8st 12lb; Dunhey, 8st 8lb; Grave and Gay, 8st 8lb; Recompense, 8st 8lb; Lynnwood, 8st 5lb; Gainen, 8st 5lb; No Fear, 8st 5lb. Betting: 5 to 2 v Lady Isabel, 3 to 1 v Aurania, 4 to 1 v Electric Light, 7 to 1 v Gainen, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a length and a half. Time, 1m 12½s.

Fourteen Hands Handicap of 25 sovs, second 3 sovs, 4½f.—A. Humphries' Silver Rose, by Silver Hill—Russley mare, 7st 7lb (A. Wagner), 1; J. Tomlinson's St. John, 8st 5lb (F. Williams), 2; S. Broomfield's Miss Chetwynd, 8st 2lb (J. Killorn), 3. Other starters: The Snail, 9st 5lb; Sceptre, 8st 12lb; Repose, 8st 5lb; Bay Nell, 7st 12lb; Sweet Briar, 7st 10lb; Maud, 7st 8lb, incl. 2lb over. Betting: 3 to 1 on St. John, 4 to 1 v Bay Nell, 20 to 1 bar two. Won by a short head. Time, 1m 11½s.

Fourteen-two Handicap of 30 sovs, second 3 sovs, 5½f.—D. Tulloch's Report, by Churchill—Arigtress, 9st 5lb (J. Killorn), 1; C. Gallimore's Little Dod, 8st (M. Connell), 2; F. Cooney's Tish, 8st (W. Barnett), 3. Other starters: Starling, 9st 3lb; Tempest, 9st 1lb; Stranger, 7st 10lb; Reform, 7st 10lb; Oban, 7st 5lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v Little Dod, 5 to 2 v Starling, 4 to 1 each v Stranger and Report, 10 to 1 v others. Won by a head. Time, 1m 12½s.

Kensington Handicap of 45 sovs, second 5 sovs, 1m.—H. Foy's Kilcoy, by Osculator—Mirella, 7st 12lb (W. Barnett), 1; D. Slattery's Orange, 10st 4lb (A. Wagner), 2; A. West's Jessie Agnes, 7st 3lb (A. West), 3. Other starters: Opinion, 9st 11lb; Adam Bede, 7st 12lb; The Martin, 7st 6lb; Reprieve, 7st 5lb; Ikey, 7st 2lb; Footsteps, 7st; Pegar, 7st; Rosalind, 7st. Betting: 2 to 1 v Orange, 5 to 2 v Adam Bede, 7 to 1 v The Martin, 14 to 1 v Pegar, 20 to 1 v Kilcoy and others. Won by half a length. Time, 1m 48½s.

CYCLING AND MOTORING.

MOTOR ROADS.

According to the latest exchanges, the establishment of motor roads in England will be amongst the latest novelties for next year. Already, with a view to carrying out this project, private companies have been formed. It is possible that bills to sanction the enterprise may come before the next Parliament. With regard to the proposed routes, one is to be from London to Brighton. At the latter town a mile course prepared for motorists has lately been made, and has proved an unqualified success, so much so that outside the question of absence of dust the track has proved so speedy that world's records were recently broken on it. In addition to the London-Brighton course, it is proposed to make another motor road from London to the West of England, probably extending to Southampton and Bournemouth. If these courses should be constructed they will be used exclusively as private tracks for motorists. In that case no speed limit will debar the daring automobilist from scorching. Once the routes are made, it is calculated that, owing to the absence of dust, the ride will be so enjoyable as to bring numbers of motorists to the districts through which the course is being laid. It is estimated that the cost of construction will be about £1,000,000. The scheme looks so bold that many people will doubt if it can ever come to anything. It is intended that all users of the route shall pay a nominal tax towards defraying the cost of construction.

AIR-COOLED MOTORS.

It seems as if the system of air cooling, in preference to water cooling, will form the principal feature of next year's American motor novelties. According to the latest files to hand, the designers of motor engines believe still in the air-cooled motor, especially for all light models. In the case of the heavier types of car, however, some of the makers have of late changed their ideas, and now fit water-cooled engines after the style of the best English and European cars. The ingenuity of the American manufacturers in designing air-cooled engines is, however, to be commended. There is no doubt that in this particular direction they are ahead of other nations. The turning out of light motors with the air-cooled system is most desirable, not only on account of the cheapness, but also because of the smaller space utilised in a car. It is generally acknowledged that although most well-known cars have water circulation, there would be much more satisfaction both to makers and buyers if the latter could be done away with.

BALL BEARINGS FOR MOTORS.

English manufacturers are now devoting more attention to the fitting of ball bearings, and many of next year's cars will be found provided with this improvement for the first time. The only feature of regret about this matter is that we have allowed the Germans to secure almost a monopoly in the manufacture of ball bearings for motor cars, although it was in England that the principle of ball bearings for bicycles was carried to such a high pitch of excellence. The conservatism of British automobile manufacturers caused them to fight shy of fitting ball bearings to their cars, even after such reliable firms as the Mercedes and Hotchkiss had shown that the thing could be done. It would be advisable for manufacturers of really cheap cars to retrain just yet from fitting ball bearings, unless they can guarantee to fit the best brands and do the work very carefully. Endless trouble will result from badly fitted or poorly made ball bearings, and the usual plain bearings would be far preferable in such a case.

NEW ENGLISH HIGH-TENSION MAGNETO.

The question as to what constitutes the best form of ignition for both motor cycles and motor cars is of the utmost importance to automobilists in Australia. In the motor industry lately many changes have from time to time been introduced which really mean little to the practical investor. The introducing of the magneto system of ignition, to supplant the older form of accumulator, does not, however, come under the category of a mere novelty. Most people are aware that the ignition of a motor is practically the life of the entire machine. Once it fails all else is at a standstill, and the car which, when the ignition was good, represented a swift, reliable, and docile means of conveyance, becomes when the electric current fails practically a useless body. To no country, perhaps, in the world is the question of ignition of such importance as it is to Australia. While the accumulator type is all very well for European countries, where the batteries may be charged in almost every town and city, totally different conditions prevail out here. Being a sparsely-populated country, with big towns long distances apart, probably not more than a score of charging stations are to be met with in this State outside Sydney. To make a long trip therefore for a week or two into the interior is practically suicidal, unless one has either a better form of ignition than the ordinary accumulator, or can carry an odd cell or two as replacements when the original cell runs down. It was to prevent any trouble over ignition and to simplify matters with regard to the generating of the required spark that first impelled home inventors to devise some method or type of generator capable of obviating all inconveniences in this respect. That the magneto system has fully satisfied the hopes and desires of the most ardent enthusiast is now admitted. For even though fresh types of the new invention are daily being placed on the market, motorists are agreed that even the worst magneto is preferable to the old arrangement for touring and long journeys.

In the case of the recent big motor reliability trials, it was interesting to observe that even at this early stage of motoring out here 12 out of 32 cars had magneto fitted. Indeed, nearly all of the motors fitted with magneto were of the newest type, a fact that showed that the adoption of the system has been practically recognised at home as the best. Out of the five cars that scored in the latter contest, doing a 1200-mile trip, two vehicles, Hobbs' and Wilkinson's had magnetos. Both cars had no trouble whatever throughout, and in all cases where any of the other cars failed, their inability to score was in no way attributable to sparking troubles. Having made clear the importance of this system, which will allow a car to run continuously from one end of the year to the other without much electric trouble, it may be of interest to local buyers of cars to learn that a new English system has just been invented, which, besides being reliable, embodies some new and desirable features not usually associated with magnetos.

The English and Continental motor journals appear to be particularly impressed with the system. It is considered by them to possess many advantages over the other types. Probably one of the greatest recommendations is its adaptability to either cycle or car at a minimum outlay. Indeed, so simple is the magneto that it does not require to be timed accurately. It may be driven by a belt or other form of friction drive if desired. The total weight is very small, and all the timing of a battery system is obtained without the employment of an accumulator.

MOTOR CYCLE AND BICYCLE RACES.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

Two bicycle races were held this afternoon. The first was a motor cycle race, in which seven competed, the course being from the police barracks in Durham-street, through Esrom and Eglinton, and returning through Kelso, a distance of about 11 miles. The course had to be traversed three times. Owing to mishaps four competitors retired during the first round. The winner was H. F. M. Douglas (20m handicap), time 70m; D. Douglass (scr), 2, time 66m; P. Cortis (10m), 3.

At the conclusion a bicycle race was run over the same course, once round. Eighteen started:—Ward (3m handicap), 1, time 36m 13s; O. Croaker (2m), 2, time 36m 25s; True (2m), 3, time 36m 33s. The fastest time was made by Croaker—31m 53s.

KATOOMBA, Wednesday.

H. Gibb won the silver cup and money prize in the bicycle road race, scoring 9 points in the three races.

PEDESTRIANISM.

GOLDEN GATE HANDICAPS.

The concluding heats in the Golden Gate Handicap, which was commenced on Monday evening, and the Consolation Handicap, were finished last night at the Golden Gate running tracks, George-street. Notwithstanding the threatening aspect of the weather, there was a large attendance. In one heat certain tactics brought down the displeasure of the committee, and three men were disqualified for six months. The details of the racing were as follow:—

£10 HANDICAP.

Second Round.—Heat-winners: R. B. Campbell, 6½yds; J. J. Toohey, 5½yds; W. Merrifield, 9½yds; H. Fraser, 8½yds; T. J. Toohey, 10½yds; B. Simonds, 7½yds.

Third Round.

First heat: R. B. Campbell, 6½yds, 1; W. Merrifield, 9½yds, 2. Won easily. Second heat: B. Simonds, 7½yds, 1; H. Fraser, 8½yds, 2. Won by inches.

Final.

H. Fraser, 8½yds, 1; B. Simonds, 7½yds, 2; W. Merrifield, 9½yds, 3; R. B. Campbell, 6½yds, 4. Won by inches.

CONSOLATION HANDICAP.

First Round.

Heat-winners: H. West, 6yds; R. Drew, 6½yds; G. Patterson, 9½yds; C. H. Catley, 4½yds; H. Harvey, 8½yds; E. Thompson, 5½yds; B. Simonds, 8½yds; P. Rosenfeldt, 8yds; A. H. Miller, 11yds; J. H. Semple, 4½yds; G. Twine, 7½yds; D. Douglas, 4yds; H. L. Brackenrigg, 9yds.

Second Round.

Heat-winners: H. Harvey, 8½yds; R. Drew, 6½yds; B. Simonds, 8½yds. The fourth heat was declared no race, and three men were disqualified for six months.

Final.

H. Harvey, 8½yds, 1; B. Simonds, 8½yds, 2; R. Drew, 6½yds, 4. Won by inches, with the third man less than a foot away.

ATHLETICS.

DUFFEY'S RECORDS CANCELLED.

A cable from New York to the "London Sportsman" states that the Amateur Athletic Union of America has decided to wipe out all Duffey's records. Duffey, the ex-champion sprinter, has been exposing the professionalism which exists in amateur athletics in a series of articles, in one of which he admitted that he had been paid for his services for the past seven years.

AUSTRALASIAN REPRESENTATION AT THE OLYMPIAN GAMES.

At the recent Australasian amateur athletic conference held in Sydney the executive officers of the Amateur Athletic Union, Messrs. E. S. Marks and R. Coombes, were instructed to take steps with a view of having Australasia represented at the Olympian Games at Athens, fixed to start on April 16 next.

With this object in view they had an interview on Tuesday at Government House with the Earl of Jersey, a member of the Grecian committee, which has as its chairman the Crown Prince of Greece. The Earl strongly advised the union to be represented at the games, which had the support of Oxford and Cambridge Universities and athletes generally in London. Having such world-famed athletes in the colonies as Nigel Barker, of Sydney University, Wheatley, of Victoria, and Burk, of Dunedin, the Earl thought it would be a pity if whilst they were in their prime Australasia was not represented. The Earl, during the course of an hour's interview, furnished the executive of the union with information bearing on amateur athletics in England. It may be mentioned that the Earl of Jersey was a great runner in his younger days, winning the mile championship of Oxford in 1865, and the same year at the inter-'Varsity sports ran second to R. E. Webster (now Lord Alverston, Lord Chief Justice of England) in the mile and the two miles steeplechases. In the year 1880 Lord Jersey, in conjunction with Messrs. C. W. Jackson, B. R. Wise, R. E. Webster, and M. Shearman founded the English Amateur Athletic Association, Lord Jersey being first president.

CRICKET.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS v ASSOCIATION XI.

A match was played yesterday at the Sydney Cricket Ground between teams representing the Great Public Schools and first grade players. After making a very creditable stand the schoolboys were defeated by the rather narrow margin of 30 runs. Scores:—

Great Public Schools.

R. E. Hunt (S.G.S.), lbw, b A. Newell	34
R. D. Chapman (T.K.S.), c White, b Randall	9
T. E. Parker (N.C.), st Prentice, b Randall	9
R. B. Minnett (S.C.E.G.S.), c Brownlow, b Randall	2
F. Blaxland (S.C.E.G.S.), c Hill, b Randall	0
C. W. Keele (S.G.S.), c Newell, b Noble	38
G. Mackinlay (S.G.S.), c Brownlow, b Newell	28
E. Kater (S.C.E.G.S.), run out	6
W. Fox (S.G.S.), c Pye, b Newell	6
C. L. Leslie (S.G.S.), run out	9
A. Newman (N.C.), c Hill, b Randall	2
G. Barbour, not out	7
Sundries	2
Total	152

Bowling:—Hill, none for 18; Randall, five for 54; Newell, three for 28; Minnett, none for 6; Noble, one for 24.

First Grade XI.

A. B. S. White, c Kater, b Keele	21
L. W. Pye, c Blaxland, b Keele	4
M. A. Noble, c Parker, b Fox	52
C. Brownlow, c Fox, b Keele	0
R. V. Minnett, b Fox	56
H. Caswell, c Hunt, b Fox	1
A. L. Newell, not out	10
W. Prentice, c Fox, b Minnett	2
F. W. Hill, b Newman	13
J. Randall, run out	1
G. Gordon, c Blaxland, b Hunt	4
Sundries	8
Total	162

Bowling: Keele, three for 41; Hunt, one for 27; Minnett, one for 26; Newman, one for 16; Fox, three for 48.

COMBINED PUBLIC SCHOOLS v NEWINGTON.

A team selected from the Public Schools played Newington College yesterday afternoon, the college winning an exciting match by 6 runs. A heavy shower fell during the morning, making the wicket very "talkative," and this militated to a large extent against heavy scoring. The first three wickets fell for no runs. Murray, who attends Forest Lodge, hails from Uralla, the native heath of J. R. Mackay. He made 31 in attractive style, and took three wickets for 10. Landon, who made the phenomenal score the other day, failed to score, but took four for 27. Scores:—Combined Public Schools, 94 (Murray 31) and seven for 36; Newington College, 100 (Chapman 23). For the College Smith took seven wickets for 33 and Pountney two for 30 in the first innings, and in the second Smith five for 22. For the Public Schools the wickets were obtained by Landon (four for 27), Cubitt (two for 20), Hudson (one for 8), and Murray (three for 10).

CRICKET DRILL.

A display of this novel form of exercise will be given at the Fort-street Model School bazaar this evening, at 8 o'clock. This exhibition, which is of special interest to those who have the welfare of cricket at heart, will be the first of its kind ever given in Australia. The lads taking part in the display have been trained by Messrs. Ferguson and Searle. A display will also be given at the school to-morrow (Friday) afternoon, between 4 and 5 p.m.

VICTORIA v NEW SOUTH WALES.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

The following team has been chosen to represent Victoria in the junior cricket match with New South Wales:—E. Peatling, L. Smith, D. Carroll, D. Lanigan, F. Lelves, E. P. Kennedy, C. Kiernan, C. Bowes, A. Kenny, H. Heberle, E. Mehegan.

SAILING.

SYDNEY CLUB.

At the Sydney Club's meeting on Tuesday evening, arrangements were made for the 18-footers' championship race, to be held on Saturday. A record entry of 16 18-footers was received, including Mr. J. Greenless's new boat Carlalla, and the Botany representatives Australian and Yvonne. The entries for skippers are as follows:—Yvonne (J. Longfield) and Australian (H. Monro), Botany; Australian (Chris. Webb), Arawa (W. Read), Donnelly (G. Holmes), Vision (J. Smith), Alert (H. Langford), Thalia (L. Thompson), Blanche (A. G. West), Zena (J. M. Firth), Carbalia (T. Colebrook), Merlin (C. Abbott), Stella (T. Cuneo), Crescent (C. Dunn), Federal (Geo. Ellis), and Mona (W. Duncan, jun.). The cash prizes were fixed at £10, £5, £2, and £1, and it was decided that the steamers Kirribilli and Lady Manning should follow the race, and that the latter only should call at Clark Island.

SWIMMING.

ROYAL LIFE-SAVING SOCIETY.

A number of the employees of the Sydney Ferries, Limited, assembled at the North Sydney Municipal Baths on Tuesday evening to commence a course of life-saving drills. Mr. C. T. Trickett and Mr. T. H. Johnston, honorary instructors of the society, officiated, and demonstrated the rescue and release methods. Mr. W. G. Todd, general manager of the company, was present, and commended the men for taking up this important work, as the instruction imparted to them might in their daily duties be found most useful. Mr. Todd intimated that he intended going through the course himself, and stated that the directors, besides paying the men's fees to the society, desired to co-operate with their employees by giving them every facility and encouragement to learn the methods of life-saving, and hoped that the ferry class would produce a large and well-trained body of men. The class meets every Tuesday and Friday evening, to give the men on different shifts an opportunity of joining. For the use of the members, a supply of the society's illustrated handbooks has been taken by the company.

RANDWICK AND COOGEE CLUB.

The Randwick and Coogee Club held a 66 yards handicap last night at the Coogee Aquarium baths. The heats were all keenly contested, and a splendid struggle in the final was won by W. Hobson on scratch. Following are the results:—

First heat: W. Hobson, scr, 1; B. Cochran, 8s, 2; J. Duffy, 3s, 3. Time, 39 2-5s. Won by half a yard. Second heat: B. Allsop, 9s, 1; W. Wylie, 9s, 2; W. Riley, 5s, 3. Time, 50s. A close finish. Third heat: A. Farmelo, 6s, 1; C. Church, 7s, 2; J. Cochrane, 5s, 3. Time, 46 3-5s. Won by a touch. Fourth heat: T. Fox, 7s, 1; A. Rodman, 6s, 2; F. Bevan, 17s, 3. Won by 2ft. Fifth heat: H. Priestley, 10s, 1; J. Ellis, 8s, 2; J. Spies, 10s, 3. Time, 50 1-5s. Won easily. Final: Hobson, scr, 1; T. Fox, 7s, 2. Time, 38 2-5s. Won by a yard and a half.

BATHURST, Wednesday.

Last night a meeting was held, at which a swimming club was formed. The Mayor was elected patron, and Dr. Machattie president. Mr. H. Melville secretary and treasurer. Mr. P. Stapleton, instructor and handicapper. Numbers of representative citizens were elected to the committee.

PIGEON SHOOTING.

N.S.W. GUN CLUB.

A members' private outing, when members and visitors introduced by members shot in sweepstakes, took place at the above club's grounds yesterday. The results were as follows:—

First sweep.—J. Clarke (26), A. H. Emanuel (25), A. Hill (24), and "Canuck" (24) divided at the sixth bird.

Second sweep.—M. Crowhurst (31), A. Hill (24), and W. Cumming (22), divided at the sixth bird.

Third sweep.—A. W. Eales (33), M. Crowhurst (21), and L. N. Walford (29), divided at the eighth bird.

Fourth sweep.—A. W. Eales (33), L. N. Walford (29), and "Cress" (24), divided at the seventh bird.

Fifth sweep.—"Ian" (29), J. Clarke (26), and H. Roarty (25), divided at the seventh bird.

A sweep "off the box" (37 yards) was divided by L. N. Walford and H. Roarty at the fifth bird.

PIGEON HOMING.

SYDNEY HOMING SOCIETY.

The Sydney Homing Pigeon Society's last young birds' race of the season took place on Saturday from Orange, distance, air line, 128 miles. Result:—Robson's bird (1081yds per min), 1; Poole's (1076yds per min), 2; Dive's (1074yds per min), 3; Bennett's (1068yds per min), 4; Delfenhadl's (1065yds 5in per min), 5; Drury's (1065yds per min), 6.

BOXING.

This afternoon, at the National Sporting Club, the two well-known boxers, K. Regan and Russell, will contest the best of 20 rounds. Owing to the stirring contest these two put up some time ago great interest is being taken in the event. Particulars are advertised.

COOK WARD ELECTION.

Mr. Boshall presided over a meeting last night in the interests of Mr. Michael M'Grath, one of the candidates for Cook Ward in the City Council. Messrs. E. W. O'Sullivan and John Norton, Ms.L.A., and Aldermen M'Ivor, Lawrence, Fitzgerald, and English spoke in favour of the candidate. A vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

Mr. Daniel Clancy held a meeting at the Shakespeare Hotel, Devonshire and Steel streets, last night. Speeches were delivered by Mr. T. Keegan and Mr. D. White, and a vote of confidence in the candidate was carried.

Mr. Moremon addressed meetings at Kippax-street, Norton-street, and Nixon-street, at each of which a vote of confidence was passed in his favour.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

The Grenfell Rifle Club held its final shooting for the year yesterday, when J. T. Fountain was again successful in winning the club's five guineas and one guinea trophies for the best aggregate for the year. He also won the National Rifle Association's affiliated medal.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

The bulk of the business transacted on the Sydney Exchange yesterday was in Queensland gold interests. The Charters Towers section was solidly supported, and although an easier feeling was noted in some stocks, prices as a whole were firm. Bonnie Dundee, Brilliant Central, Brilliant Extended, and Day Dawn Gold Mines improved, but Kelly's Queen Block, Queen Central, and Queen Cross Reef were offered at somewhat lower rates. In the Gympie section No. 2 South Great Eastern had exchanges at a slight advance. Silver-lead shares had rather less attention, the turnover being confined to a few stocks. The report that the directors of the Sulphide Corporation had decided to recommend the payment of a dividend on preference shares only caused a decided relapse in ordinary shares, which fell to 14s 10½d. Broken Hill Block 10, Broken Hill Junction, Junction North, and North Broken Hill ruled slightly easier, but Broken Hill South, paid, changed hands at enhanced rates. A sale of C.S.A. North was recorded at £12. Tin was neglected and featureless; while in copper Chillagoe and O.K. strengthened. The quotations for local and Western Australian gold remained practically at the previous day's level.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyers. £ s d	Sellers. £ s d
COPPER.		
Chillagoe	0 3 10	0 4 3
Crowl Creek	0 10 0	0 11 0
Ditto, contg	—	0 10 6
Girilambone Mining	—	0 1 3
Mount Molloy, contg	—	0 19 0
Mungana (Chillagoe)	0 3 0	0 3 1
O. K.	0 17 9	0 18 0
Queen Bee	—	0 18 0
Shuttleton	—	0 6 0
TIN.		
Smith's Creek Proprietary	0 4 10	—
SILVER. New South Wales, etc.		
British Broken Hill	1 13 0	1 15 0
Ditto, privileged	—	1 14 6
Broken Hill Proprietary	2 19 0	2 19 9
Ditto, Block 10	5 1 0	5 7 6
Ditto, Block 14	—	1 7 9
Ditto, preference	—	1 7 6
B. H. Junction	0 7 7	0 8 0
B. H. Junction North	0 16 3	0 16 6
B. H. North	2 6 0	2 6 6
B. H. South	3 13 6	3 14 6
B. H. South, contg	2 8 0	3 10 0
B. H. South Blocks	—	0 16 0
New White Leads	—	0 2 8
Overflow	0 5 6	0 6 0
Sulphide Corporation (ordinary)	0 14 7½	0 15 0
Rising Sun	—	0 1 0
GOLD. New South Wales, etc.		
Baker's Creek	0 2 9	0 2 11
Mount David	—	0 0 6
Myall and Peak Hill (paid)	—	0 2 6
Mount Drysdale	—	0 3 0
New Hillgrove Proprietary	0 6 7	0 7 0
Woodlark Island	0 2 0	0 2 3
Ditto, contg	0 0 9½	0 0 10½
Dredging and Sluicing.		
Araluen Valley Consolidated	0 0 11	—
Associated Gold Dredging	—	0 4 9
Buckland River	0 2 3	—
Cope's Creek	0 5 0	0 7 3
Elrington	0 2 0	—
Ditto, contg	0 1 9	—
Jembaicumbene	0 2 0	—
Jembaicumbene Middle Ground	—	0 2 6
New Cooper	0 5 0	0 6 0
New Wylie Creek	0 4 0	0 6 0
Turon River	—	0 9 0
Wilberforce	0 5 0	0 8 0
Melbourne Cope's, paid	0 4 0	—
Queensland. Charters Towers, etc.		
Band of Hope	0 8 2	0 9 0
Bonnie Dundee	0 4 0	0 4 2
Brilliant Central	0 18 0	0 18 6
Brilliant Extended	1 6 0	1 7 0
Ditto, contg	1 3 6	—
Brilliant St. George	0 11 6	—
Clark's Brilliant Worcester, etc.	0 3 2	0 3 3
Day Dawn Gold Mines	0 4 4	0 4 9
Kelly's Queen Block	0 10 3	0 10 6
Ditto, contg	0 9 3	0 9 7½
London, contg	0 5 6	0 6 0
Marshall's Queen	0 6 6	—
Ditto, contg	0 6 8	0 7 3
Mount Morgan	3 7 6	—
Papuan	—	0 3 6
Queen Central	0 6 4	0 6 7½
Queen Cross Reef	0 10 8	0 11 0
Ruby	—	0 3 6
Vesuvius	0 1 2	—
Victoria and Caledonia Block	0 1 0	—
Ditto, contg	0 2 0	0 3 6
Victoria and Queen	—	0 7 1
Victory	0 7 5	0 7 6
Gympie.		
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	0 3 9	—
North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 2	0 1 6	—
Oriental and Glanmire, contg	0 1 0	—
South Glanmire and Monkland	0 7 3	0 9 6
South Great Eastern, No. 1	—	0 3 0
Ditto, No. 2	1 0 6	1 1 6
South Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1	—	0 2 9
Western Australia.		
Associated	2 16 6	2 17 3
Ditto Northern Blocks	1 4 0	—
Chaffer's	—	0 2 4
Golden Pole	0 14 0	—
Great Boulder	1 4 0	—
Ditto, Perseverance	0 12 6	0 13 3
Great Fingall Consolidated	—	7 0 0
Hainault	—	1 12 6
Ivanhoe	—	8 0 0
Kalgurli, London register	[illegible]	—
Kalgurli South, London register	—	1 14 0
Ditto, Share Warrants	1 3 0	—
Lake View South	—	0 3 0
Oroya-Brown Hill	2 17 0	—
Queensland Menzies	0 3 2	0 3 6
Victory United	0 4 8	0 5 3

EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported:—Forenoon: Victoria and Caledonia Block, contg., 3s 5d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 21s; Broken Hill South, paid, 73s 6d; Marshall's Queen, contg., 7s; Brilliant Central, 18s; Victory, 7s 6d. Later: Mungana 3s; Victory, 7s 6d; Broken Hill Junction North, 16s 6d, 16s 6½d. Noon: Mungana, 3s 1d; Kelly's Queen Block, paid, 10s 6d; Victory, 7s 6d. Later: Queen Central, paid, 6s 6d; Sulphide Corporation, 15s; Harden (N.S.W.), 7s; Victory, 7s 6d. Afternoon: C.S.A. North, £12; Brilliant Central, 18s; Kelly's Queen Block, paid, 10s 6d; Bonnie Dundee, 4s 2d; Queen Central, paid, 6s 6d; New Brilliant Freehold, 4s 2d; Victory (terms six weeks), 7s 6d. Later: No. 2 South Great Eastern, 21s; Vesuvius, 1s 3d; Brilliant Central, 18s 3d; Victory (terms six weeks), 7s 6d; Sulphide Corporation, 14s 10½d; Queen Cross Reef, 11s; C. S. A. Central, £12 5s; Williams' United, 21s; New Hillgrove, 6s 9d.

The Golden Pole twenty-stamp mill ran equal to 27 days last month, and crushed 1677 long tons for 1526oz 18dwt. gold. The sands cyanided totalled 1271 tons, yielding 292oz 6dwt. gold, and slimes cyanided totalled 951 tons, yielding 223oz 17dwt. gold. Total 1677 tons for 2043oz 1dwt. bullion, worth £7374.

It is officially stated that the directors of the Sulphide Corporation will recommend at the annual meeting a dividend of 10 per cent. on preference shares, payable on December 29. Transfer books will close on December 9.

The Mungana (Chillagoe) Company during the week ended November 24 shipped 187 tons of ore. The ore in the roasting heaps totals 12,373 tons.

The Mount Lyell Mining and Railway Company, Ltd., have despatched 1353 tons of blister copper during the current half-year.

A further return of 500oz. of gold has been got from the patch of rich stone below the 700ft level of the Queen Margaret mine, Bulong. This yield raises the total output to 1658oz. The shoot of gold is stated to be dipping underfoot.

The Woodlark Island Proprietary Gold Mining Company, No Liability, are in receipt of telegraphic advice that 269oz of gold bullion, and 10 tons of concentrates have arrived at Cooktown; also that the erection of the cyanide plant was completed, and treatment commenced on November 20.

The Mount Bischoff's London cable quotes tin at £160 per ton. The last sales were made at £159 10s. The market was steady.

According to advices from London, an effort is to be made to reconstruct the Smelting Corporation of Australia, Dapto, N.S.W. The main proposal on the subject emanates from the Share Guarantee Trust, Limited. This company suggests that the corporation shall be amalgamated with the Caledonia Copper Company, which owns certain mineral leases in New Caledonia. The capital of the new corporation is to be £350,000, in shares of £1 each, and £100,000 at 5 per cent. first mortgage debenture stock. The stock is to replace that issued by the existing smelting corporation on the security of its assets. The new company is to receive a contract from the Share Guarantee Trust, by which it will get the benefit of agreements made with certain Broken Hill companies for the delivery annually of from 20,000 to 30,000 tons of lead concentrates. The company is also to get the benefit of negotiations for further contracts in the same direction. In all, 300,000 shares of £1 each are to be offered under the reconstruction scheme to the public, and of these an issue of 125,000 is guaranteed by the Share Guarantee Trust. To recoup this concern for having been put to what is described as "considerable expense and risk in connection with commissions on sup-underwriting, employment of experts, and agents in Australia," as well as for having secured the concentrate contracts, it takes a commission of 5 per cent. upon the company's new share capital to be offered for subscription. The main remuneration of the Guarantee Trust, however, is to be in the form of a percentage on the profits as follows:—In each year that a 5 per cent. dividend is paid it will receive 15 per cent. upon the net profits of the company for that year after the payment of interest on the debenture stock.

Kulamadau has declared a dividend of 3d per share.

Yesterday the Columbia Consolidated manager reported cutting a leader 2in thick in the eastern crosscut at the 1576ft level, 760ft south of the shaft.

MINING IN THE STATE.

OBERON, Wednesday.

The assay in bulk of ore from J. Sheargold and party's claim at Black Bullock Mountain yielded 16dwt gold and 8oz 19dwt silver. The lot weighed 5 tons 18cwt.

INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—Associated (colonial), 56s 9d, b 56s 6d, s 57s; Associated Northern Blocks (colonial), b 25s, s 25s 3d; Cumberland, b 5s 1d, s 5s 4d; Great Boulder, 25s, b 26s, s 25s 1½d; Great Fingall, £6 12s 6d; Great Boulder Perseverance (colonial), b 13s, s 13s 3d; North Kalgurli, 2s 4d, 2s 6d, b 2s 9d, s 3s 3d; Princess Royal, paid, b 10s, s 10s 6d; ditto, contg, b 9s, s 9s 3d; ditto, Central, 1s 4½d, 1s 6d, b 1s 5d, s 1s 7½d; Queen Margaret, s5, 4s 10½d, 5s 1d, 5s; South Kalgurli, b 32s 3d, s 33s 6d; Westralia Wallsend, 2s 6½d, 2s 6d, b 2s 6d, s 2s 7d; Victory, 7½d; Baker's Creek, 2s 11d, 2s 11½d, b 2s 11½d, s 3s; B. H. Proprietary, 60s, 59s 9d, b 59s 6d; B. H. Block 14 (ord.), 27s 9d, 26s 6d, b 26s 6d, s 27s; ditto (preference), 26s, b 24s, s 25s; British (old), 33s 1½d, b 33s 1½d, s 33s 9d; ditto (New), 32s 9d, 33s, b 32s, s 32s 6d; B. H. Block 10, £5 4s; B. H. Junction, 8s 1d, 7s 8d, b 7s 7d, s 7s 8d; North B. H., 47s, 46s 3d, 47s, b 46s 9d, s 47s; B. H. South, paid, 74s, 74s 6d, 73s 6d, b 73s, s 73s 6d; ditto, contg., 69s 6d, b 68s, s 69s 9d; Junction North, 16s 7½d, 16s 1½d, 16s 4½d, b 16s 3d, s 16s 4½d; Sulphide Corporation, 15s 6d, 14s 4½d, b 14s 4½d, s 14s 7½d; ditto (pref.), b 28s, s 29s; Ringarooma, b £5 7s 6d, s £5 12s 6d; Gladstone, b £23 10s, s £24; Mount Lyell Blocks, b 6s 8d, s 7s 1d; Chillagoe, 3s 11d, 4s 2d, 4s 1d, b 4s 1d, s 4s 2d; O.K., paid, 18s 3d, b 18s, s 18s 4½d; Paulls Consolidated, b £8 15s, s £10; Wallaroo, b 20s, s 21s; Briseis, 16s 1½d; Stannary Hills, 4s 1d, 3s 11d, b 3s 10½d, s 3s 11d; ditto, debentures, b £15 5s, s £15 10s; Smith's Creek, 5s 3d, b 5s 4d, s 5s 5d; Hydraulic Sluicing, £6 5s, £6 2s 6d, £6 5s, b £6 5s, s £6 10s.

BENDIGO, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—South New Moon, £6 12s, £6 11s; United Ulster, 47s 6d, 49s; Williams' United, 21s.

BRISBANE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Wilmot Extended, 1s; Brilliant Central, 17s 7d; Brilliant Extended, 24s, 24s 3d; ditto, paid, 27s; New Brilliant Freehold, 4s; Clark's B.W. and Victory, cont., 3s 1d; Marshall's Queen, contg., 7s; Mystery Deep Mines, 1s 10½d; Queen Central, paid, 6s 10d, 6s 11d; Queensland Menzies, 3s 2d; Chillagoe, 3s 8d, 3s 9d, 4s 1d 4s 2d, 4s 3d; ditto (forward), 4s 4d; O.K., paid, 18s 3d.

Quotations: Chillagoe, b 4s 3d, s 4s 3½d; ditto (forward), b 4s 4d, s 4s 5d; Chillagoe Debentures (cum all arrears and interest), b £75, s £85; Mungana, b 3s 1d, s 3s 3d; O.K., b 17s 6d; ditto, paid, b 17s 10d, s 18s 3d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Bonnie Dundee, 4s 4d to 4s; Brilliant Central, 18s 9d, 17s 9d; Brilliant Block, 9s; ditto, paid, 10s 1d; Clark's B.W. and Victory, 3s 1½d, 3s 2d; ditto, paid, 3s 4d; Day Dawn P.C., 1s 6d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, 4s 8d, 4s 9d; School Reserve, 2s 3d, 2s 4d; ditto, paid, 3s 3½d, 3s 4d; Deep Levels, 2s 11d; Golden Alexandra, 4s 9d to 5s; Grant and Sunset, 1s 8d, 1s 8½d; Grand Junction, 2s 2d; Kelly's Queen Block, 9s 3d; Kulamadau, 3s 9½d; Marshall's Queen, 7s to 6s 7d; ditto, paid, 7s 10d; Mystery Deep Mines, 1s 10d; New Brilliant Freehold, 4s 2d, 4s 3d; Craven's Caledonia, 1s 5½d; New Queen, 10s 6d, 10s 8d; North Queen, 7½d, 8d; Papuan, 3s 2d, 3s 1d; Queen Cross Extended, 1s, 10d; Queen Central, 6s 10d, 6s 8d; Queen Deep, 1s 10d; Ruby Macdonald, 1½d; ditto, paid, 9d; Silent Friend, 8½d; Vesuvius, 1s 3d, 1s 4d; Victoria and Queen, 6s 9d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, 3s to 2s 11d; Victory, 7s 6d; Wallis' Day Dawn, contg, 1s 5½d, 1s 5d.

Quotations: Band of Hope, paid, s 10s; Blue Peter, b 9½d, s 10½d; Bonnie Dundee, b 4s, s 4s 1d; Brilliant Central, b 17s 4d, s 18s; Brilliant Block, b 8s 9d, s 8s 11d; ditto, paid, s 10s; Brilliant Extended, b 23s 6d, s 24s; ditto, paid, s 27s; Carrington Lion, b 6s 3d, s 6s 6d; ditto Excess, b 1s 3d, s 1s 6d; Carrington, b 6d; Clark's B.W. and Victory, b 3s, s 3s 1d; ditto, paid, b 3s 1d, s 3s 4d; Columbia, b 1s 8d, s 1s 10d; Day Dawn P.C., b 1s 4d, s 1s 6d; Day Dawn Gold Mines, b 4s 8d, s 4s 9d; Day Dawn Freehold Consolidated, b 3s 2d, s 5s 6d; School Reserve, b 2s 4d, s 2s 5d, ditto, paid, b 3s 3d, s 3s 3½d; Deep Levels, b 2s 8½d, s 2s 9½d; East Mexican, b 15s, s 16s; ditto, paid, b 19s 6d, s 21s; Golden Alexandra, b 4s 11d, s 5s; Grant and Sunset, b 1s 8½d, s 1s 9d; Grand Junction, b 2s 1d, s 2s 2d; Imperial, b 4½d, s 5½d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 9s 2d, s 9s 6d; ditto, paid, b 10s, s 10s 6d; Kulamadau, b 3s 9d, s 3s 10d; ditto, paid, b 4s; London, b 5s 10d, s 6s; ditto, paid, b 6s 3d, s 6s 10d; Mafeking Blocks, b 1s 5d, s 1s 6d; ditto, paid, s 2s 4d; Marshall's Queen, b 6s 4d, s 6s 7d; ditto, paid, s 7s 9d; Mills' United, s 26s 9d; Mystery Deep Mines, b 1s 9½d, s 1s 10d; New Brilliant Freehold, b 4s 2d, s 4s 4d; Craven's Caledonia, b 1s 5d, s 1s 6d; New Queen, b 10s 6d, s 10s 8d; North Queen, b 7½d, s 8d; ditto, paid, b 2s 4d, s 2s 7d; O.K. Copper, paid, s 18s 6d; Papuan, b 3s, s 3s 2d; Phoebe, b 3s 3d, s 3s 6d; ditto, paid, 5s 6d, s 6s 3d; Queen Cross Reef, s 11s 6d; Queen Cross Extending, b 9d, s 10d; Queen Central, paid, b 6s 7d, s 6s 8d; Queen Deep, b 1s 10d, s 1s 11d; Ruby, b 2s 7d, s 2s 8d; Ruby United, b 1s, s 1s 1d; ditto, paid, b 2s 1d, s 2s 2d; Ruby Macdonald, s 1½d; ditto, paid, b 9d, s 10d; Silent Friend, b 6d, s 8d; Vesuvius, b 1s 3d, s 1s 4d; Victoria and Queen, b 5s, s 5s 9d; Victoria and Caledonia Block, contg., b 2s 10d, s 2s 11d; Victory, s 7s 8d; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 1s 5d, s 1s 5½d; ditto, paid, b 2s, s 2s 3d.

GYMPIE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—No. 7 South Lady Mary, 10d; Oriental Surprise, 1s 2d.

Quotations: Columbia Smithfield, b 1s, s 1s 4d; No. 1 North Columbia (new), b 5½d, s 7½d; No. 2 North Columbia, b 2s, s 2s 4d; Columbia Extended, b 7d, s 8½d; Columbia Consolidated, b 2d, s 6d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, b 20s, s 22s; No. 7 South Lady Mary, b 9½d, s 10½d; Oriental Surprise, b 1s 1½d, s 1s 2d; No. 2 North Oriental, b 1s 2½d, s 1s 3½d; No. 1 South Oriental, b 1s 6½d, s 2s; Oriental Extended, paid, b 8½d, s 9½d; ditto, contg., b 2½d, s 4d; East Oriental, paid, b 1s 0½d, s 1s 6d; Oriental Consols, contg., b 1s 1½d, s 1s 4d; Phoenix Eastern Tribute, b 3½d, s 5d; Eastern Smithfield Tribute, b 1s, s 1s 2d; Glanmire Reserve Tribute, b 2s 1d, s 2s 3d; Australasian Tribute, b 6½d, s 8d.

LAUNCESTON (TAS.), Wednesday.

To-day's sales were:—Magnet, 23s 9d; Hercules, 3s 8d; Tasmanian Copper, 4s 1d; Briseis 16s 3d; Pioneer, 5s 8d.

Quotations: Tasmanian, s 20s; Magnet, b 23s 6d, s 25s; Hercules, b 3s 8½d, s 3s 11d; Tasmanian Copper, b 4s 1d, s 4s 3d; Briseis, b 16s, s 16s 6d; Pioneer, b 5s 7d, s 5s 10d; Mount Bischoff, b £47 2s 6d, s £48; Chillagoe, b 3s 6d; Mount Lyell, s 37s; Mount Farrell, b 2s 6d, s 2s 10d; Murchison River, b 2s 10d.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

To-day's sales and quotations were:—

Silver: B. H. Block 10, £5 5s, £5 4s, b £5 3s, s £5 5s; B. H. Block 14, b 26s 9d, s 27s 6d; B. H. Proprietary, 60s, b 59s 6d, s 60s; B. H. Junction, 8s, 7s 9d, s 7s 9d; Junction North, 16s 6d, 16s 3d, b 16s 1½d, s 16s 4½d; B. H. South, s 70s; ditto, paid, b 73s 6d, s 75s; South Blocks, 4s 11d, b 4s 11d, s 5s; ditto, paid, b 14s 6d; Coppabella, 51s, 49s, b 46s, s 48s; New White Leads, b 2s 4d, s 2s 6d; North B. H., 46s 9d, 46s 6d, b 47s, s 47s 3d; Sulphide Corporation, 16s, 14s 9d, b 14s 7½d, s 14s 10½d; Victoria (Zeehan), paid, s 3s 3d.

Copper and gold: Crown Lyell, 8½d, 8d, b 7½d, s 8d; Mount Lyell, 35s 2d, 35s, b 34s 6d, s 35s; Lyell Blocks, 7s 3d, 6s 10d, 6s 11d, b 6s 10d, s 7s; Murchison River, b 2s 7d; ditto, paid, 3s, b 2s 10d, s 3s; Mungana, b 2s 6d, s 3s 6d; Chillagoe, 3s 11d, 4s 1½d; O.K., paid, b 16s 6d, s 19s; Mount Morgan, 67s 6d, s 69s; Crowl Creek, b 9s, s 12s; ditto, paid, b 9s.

Tin: Briseis, 16s 6d, 16s 10½d, b 15s 10½d, s 16s; ditto Extended, £11, £10 5s, b £10 8s, s £11; New Brothers' Home, No. 1, 24s 9d, 25s, b 24s 9d, s 25s; Gladstone, £24, b £23 15s, s £24; New Ruby Flat, 12s, s 13s; Pioneer, b £5 5s, s £5 12s; Ringarooma, £5 10s, £5 12s, b £5 10s, s £6; St. Helen's, 35s, b 33s, s 38s; Weldbrook, b £5 18s, s £6 1s.

Victorian mines: Berry Extended, 5s 11d, s 6s; Berry United, b 3s 6d, s 4s 6d; Birthday New Find, paid, b 1s; ditto, Tunnel, b 24s; Cassilis, 19s 6d, b 19s; Catherine Reef, 81s, 80s, b 79s, s 82s; Champion, 4s 10d, 5s, b 5s, s 5s 1d; Don, 3s 3d; Duke of Wellington, 2s 6d, s 2s 5d; Duke of York, 7d, b 6d, s 9d; Ellenborough, 8s 3d, b 8s 3d, s 8s 9d; Glenfine South, 7s 9d, 8s 2d, b 8s, s 8s 6d; Hustler's Reef, b 13s d, s 14s 6d; Jubilee, b 52s, s 54s; Junction Dredging, b 40s; ditto, paid, b 40s; Lady Nelson, 2s 6d, b 2s 6d; Long Tunnel, 85s, b 84s, s 87s; ditto, Extended, £10 15s, b £10 10s, s £11; Madame Berry West, b 12s 6d; Maori Queen, £6 9s, b £6 8s; ditto, paid, £6 14s, b £6 13s; New Argus, 41s; New Dempsey, b 10s, s 12s 6d; New Moon, s £7 3s; New Moon Consolidated, 16s, b 15s 6d, s 16s; North of England, 4s 6d, b 4s 4d, s 4s 7d; Sailor Bill Extended, 4d, b 4d, s 5d; South German, 9s 6d, b 9s 3d, s 10s 6d; South New Moon, £6 12s, b £6 10s; Spring Gully, s 22s; Star of the West, b 14s 3d, s 14s 9d; ditto, Extended, 6s 4d, b 6s 3d, s 6s 4d; United Ulster, 48s, b 48s, s 49s; Victorian Cornish, 9s, b 8s 6d, s 9s 3d; Victory (Foster), 12s 6d, b 12s, s 12s 6d; West Berry Consols, b 9s, s 10s; White Star, 10d, s 11d; Williams Fancy, b 28s, s 30s; Williams United, 20s, b 19s 9d, s 20s.

Western Australian mines: Golden Pole, b 14s 9d; Great Boulder, s 25s; Queen Margaret, b 5s, s 5s 6d; Tindal's, b 1s 1d, s 2s 3d.

LONDON SHARE MARKET.

Among the quotations for Australian shares on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday were:—B. H. Proprietary, 59s 9d (m); B. H. Block 10, £5 6s (m); British B. H., 33s 6d (m); B. H. Block 14, 27s 6d (m); Chillagoe, 3s 11d (m); Mungana, 3s (m); Sulphide Corporation, 16s (m); Associated, 55s 6d (m); Great Boulder Perseverance, 12s 9d (m); Great Fingall, £6 10s (m); Golden Horseshoe, £7 (m); Kalgurli, £3 (m); Lake View Consols, 23s 9d (s). Lead was quoted at £16 7s 6d (m).

LONDON, Dec. 6.

On the Stock Exchange yesterday quotations for New Chillagoe shares were, b 2s 9d, s 3s 3d.

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The following candidates were successful in the law matriculation examination held on November last:—Robert A. C. Adams, Reginald McD. Bowman, Frederick Bussmann, Charles B. Campbell, Laidley M. Grainger, Victor C. McKell, John B. Russell, Ernest W. Tait, Norman D. Thomas.

A CONFISCATION BILL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—On Thursday night, towards the close of the sittings of the Legislative Assembly, an innocent-looking little bill was introduced by the Premier, entitled "Sydney Harbour Trust (Reclamations and Leasing)." The hon. gentleman having obtained leave, this bill was read a first time, and the second reading is set down for Monday next. Now, Sir, a glance at the bill will show that this hasty piece of legislation if allowed to become law would prove a gross confiscation and repudiation of the rights and properties of thousands of citizens who reside upon the water frontages of our harbour and the rivers running therein, who acquired their rights to reclaim their foreshores under the Act 25 Vict., No. 1, and paid the Government for the rights. The bill now referred to proposes to revoke those rights, and vest the lands in the Sydney Harbour Trust Commissioners, unless before a date in 1906 (at present left blank in the bill) holders of the rights reclaim the land to the satisfaction of the Secretary for Lands, the only compensation being that the amount received by the Government for the rights originally is to be returned to the present holders thereof. Has there ever been in the history of this or any other British country so glaring an attempt to invade the rights of citizens by an enactment rushed through the Legislature without a word of warning, and involving, as this bill does, the repudiation of rights for which the Government, in accordance with the law at the time, were paid in full satisfaction? I have sufficient faith in our members of Parliament to believe that once their attention is drawn to this attempt at confiscation the bill will not, as the Premier blandly informed the House, be a "non-contentious measure." Your insertion of this letter will be the means of drawing public attention to the extraordinary proposal introduced at the tail-end of a session hurriedly, but capable, if passed into law, of inflicting great injustice on a large body of citizens. I am, etc.,

FRANK SMITH.

Dec. 1.

AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness; and at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description. Specially advertised. T., 1331.

GREY D. GELDING, DELIVERY VAN and HARNESS, also BAY GELDING, VAN, and HARNESS, and BOX CART.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. Fields and Co. to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., The above.

VILLAGE CART TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. S. McLean to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Bay Gelding, broken to sad. and harness, Village Cart (almost new), with patent axle, lamps and cushion, and set of Harness.

SUPERIOR BENT-SHAFT SULKY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Hanson to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Sup. B.-s. Sulky, in splendid order, suit doctor or private gentleman.

2 FIRST-CLASS CAB TURNOUTS. 2

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Ld. Ware to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock, Bay Mare, well bred, Brougham Cab (nearly new), and Harness; and Brown Gelding, Brougham Cab and Harness, in good repair.

FIRST-CLASS SULKY TURNOUT.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Sheehy to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Steel Grey Mare, 5yrs, thoroughly broken to sad. and har., very fast, lady can drive her, Sulky and Harness, in good repair.

TO DOCTORS, PRIVATE GENTLEMEN, AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Mick Simmons to sell by auction THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., "RUADON," Bay Trotting Gelding, black points, quiet and reliable in harness, rubber-tyred Bulky, solid leather trimmings, sliding seat, and lamps, in good repair (built by Haining), also American Buggy, new rubber tyres and brass lamps (built by Hooker), and set of best quality Buggy Harness (by McGrath).

USEFUL SAD. AND HARNESS GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Anderson to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay Gelding, broken to sad. and har., used to trams and traffic.

WELL-BRED MARE, FROM WOLLONGONG.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Jno. Phillips to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Dk. Ches. Mare, 4yrs, by Seneschal, dam an Arab mare, broken to saddle, a really good sort and worthy of special attention.

2 SUPERIOR DRAUGHT GELDINGS. 2

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. W. Cox to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., 2 Sup. D. Geldings; stanch Geldings, in hard condition, straight out of work, highly recommended.

HEAVY DRAUGHT GELDING, FROM KIAMA.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Messrs. McGee Bros., Kiama, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., H. D. Gelding, stanch and reliable worker. Particulars at sale.

2 HEAVY DRAUGHT GELDINGS. 2

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. Chetter to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., Bay D. Gelding, 6 yrs., and Roan D. Gelding, both stanch workers, and subject to trial.

2 H. D. GELDINGS, FROM SUTHERLAND. 2

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. S. Pithers to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., 2 H. D. Geldings, reliable workers. Trial given.

5 STANCH DRAUGHT HORSES. 5

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., 5 Stanch D. Horses, in hard-fed condition.

1 TRUCK PRIME PADDOCK-FED FAT COWS, FROM COWRA.

INGLIS'S RAILWAY YARDS, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 3.30 p.m.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their RAILWAY YARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 11 sharp, On account Messrs. McIntosh Bros., D. Buffes, and other Owners, 50 First-class MILCH COWS, in full milk, with young Calves at foot, from the best dairies in the Southern and Hunter Districts.

HIGH-CLASS CARRIAGE PAIR, FROM BRISBANE.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. Jas. Milne, Brisbane, to sell by auction, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11.30 a.m., Pair of Bay Carriage Geldings, 16 hands, by Gostwicke and Sir Charles from thoroughbred mares, well matched, thoroughly broken to single and double harness, and run nicely together. Now on view.

3 A. D. HORSES, POLE WAGGON, AND HARNESS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. P. Skulander to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 11.30 a.m., 3 A. D. Horses, work in lead or shafts, thoroughly stanch; Pole Waggon (took 1st prize at last Sydney Show), in tiptop order; and set of Pole Harness.

*** The above are being sold on account of completion of a contract, and are a genuine good lot.

HIGH-CLASS HARNESS GELDING.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. R. S. Hill to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 11.30 a.m., Upst. Brown Gelding, thoroughly broken to harness, well accustomed to city traffic, suitable for Brougham.

IN THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH B. LUCAS, DECEASED.

RACING MARE FELICITY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from the Curator of Intestate Estates to sell by auction, TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock, FELICITY, by Russley from Beatrice, by Grand Flaneur, in foal to Projectile.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

SIXTY HEAD.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.

On acct. Mr. D. CAMERON, Narrabri.

20 fresh Country Horses, comprising principally upstanding light harness Horses, suitable for buggy, sulky, cab, springcart, and general light harness and hackney work, principally 4, 5, and 6 years old, broken and unbroken.

On acct. Mr. K. NICHOLLS, Manilla.

20 active Draught Colts and Fillies, 4 years old, 7 unbroken, 3 broken.

On acct. WESTERN AGENTS, Narromine.

20 first-class Horses, including 3 extra special Heavy Draughts and two very useful Buggy Pairs.

On acct. Mr. H. JONES, Yass.

20 Fresh Country Horses, comprising 1 handsome Cream Pony, silver mane and tail, broken to sad. and har.; 1 good upstanding Cab Horse; 3 5-year-old light Horses, by Coolamon, broken to sad. and har.; 1 sp. cart Gelding; the balance Buggy and Sulky Horses, broken in.

WAHROONGA HEIGHTS ESTATE, GRAND LAND. Next Satdy. Lithos. from HARDIE and GORMAN.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY,

AT 11 A.M., ON THE PREMISES,

SOMERSETVILLE, 142 ENMORE-ROAD,

NEAR TRAM TERMINUS, ENMORE.

WHOLE OF THE MAGNIFICENT FURNISHINGS AND APPOINTMENTS, COMPRISING:—

FULL UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, by BLUTHNER, 5 PCE. ROSEWOOD DRAWING-ROOM SUITE, ROSEWOOD CABINET, ROSEWOOD OVERMANTEL to match, ROSEWOOD OCC. TABLE, VALUABLE ORNAMENTS, etc., etc. 6ft WALNUT SIDEBOARD, WAL. DINNER WAGGON, WAL. SECRETAIRE BOOKCASE 5ft, WAL. OVERMANTEL, 9ft WAL. EX. D. TABLE, 9-pce. DINING SUITE to match, PLATYPUS RUG, etc. The COMPLETE FURNISHINGS OF BREAKFAST ROOM, 3-WINGED ASH BEDROOM SUITE, BLACK and BRASS ITALIAN BEDSTEAD, SOLID WAL. BEDROOM SUITE, and FURNISHINGS of 3 MINOR BEDROOMS. KITCHEN and LAUNDRY UTENSILS, LAWN MOWER, etc.

J. H. HITCHCOCK (F. F. GOODIN, AUCTIONEER)

has received instructions from J. ROYALTON PORTER, Esq., to sell as above, WITHOUT RESERVE. Tel. 223 N.

ST. MARYS CATTLE SALE.

SATURDAY NEXT, DECEMBER 9,

At 12 o'clock.

550 HEAD. 550.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell as above, when they will offer the following, viz.:—

15 newly calved Cows.
20 Springing Cows and Heifers.
15 Fat Cattle, from local paddocks.
100 Specially Good Steers, from 18 months to 2 years old, all reds and roans, well grown, and in good condition.
50 choice Dairy Heifers, all good colours, from picked herds in the Camden and Moss Vale districts, 18 months to 2 years old.
20 1st-class Dairy Heifers, 2 years old, all good colours.
75 Mixed Cattle, Store Cows, Heifers, and Steers.
75 really good Dairy Heifers, all in splendid condition, about 2 years old. These will be found a really good lot, and equal to any offered at the above yards for some time past.
80 head, comprising 10 prime Store Cows, the balance mixed Steers and Heifers, 18 months to 2 years old.
50 extra good Dairy Heifers, 2 to 3 years old.
25 Superior Heifers, all carefully selected, 1½ to 2 years old.
30 extra prime paddock-fed Fat Cows from Cowra.
15 3-year-old Bullocks.
30 nice quality Dairy Heifers, in tip-top condition, mostly forward in calf, and some springing.

TRAIN leaves Sydney at 10.15 a.m., returning at 3.42 and 6.47 p.m.

THE CHAMPION DAPPLE GREY DRAUGHT STALLION "HERE'S TO 'EE."

Owing to numerous inquiries re the Service of this grand Draught Horse, owners are informed that a few more Mares will be taken. Early application is advised, as the List is nearly completed. Full particulars on applying to Manager, Toohey's Stables, Cooper-street, Surry Hills.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held THIS DAY by the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:— At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, HAIR, HORNS, and SUNDRIES, at 10 a.m.; TALLOW, at 2.30 p.m.

WOOL SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, THURSDAY, at the SYDNEY WOOL EXCHANGE, Bridge-street, at 3 p.m., as under:— New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency, Co., Ltd., 3687 bales. Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., 5267 bales.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY will sell THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30, Hair, Horns, and Bones. And at 2.30 o'clock, Tallow.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY,

8th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock a.m.

ATTRACTIVE SALE BY AUCTION at THE COMMODIOUS AUCTION ROOMS of

JAMES R. LAWSON and LITTLE, 128-130 PITT-STREET, near KING-STREET.

Under instructions from Mrs. CULLEN, on account of relinquishing housekeeping.

THE WHOLE OF HER VALUABLE FURNITURE and APPOINTMENTS.

Also THE COMPLETE FURNISHINGS of a RESIDENCE at RYDE, removed to the Rooms for convenience of Sale, including

GLASS, CHINA, and ELECTROPLATE.

DINING-ROOM, DRAWING-ROOM, and BEDROOM SUITES.

ROYAL AXMINSTER and BRUSSELS CARPETS.

SOLID WALNUT SIDEBOARD, fitted with every modern convenience, size 6ft.

SOLID WALNUT DINING TABLE, with patent screw and spare leaves, extending 8ft.

TASMANIAN BLACKWOOD DINING-ROOM SUITE, of nine pieces.

SOLID WALNUT OVERMANTELS, with numerous bevelled glass mirrors and side brackets.

LARGE GILT PIERGLASSES.

HANDSOME DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, upholstered in silk damask.

OCCASIONAL CHAIRS AND TABLES.

CHOICE PICTURES AND ORNAMENTS.

SOLID WALNUT HALLSTAND.

VALUABLE BROADWOOD PIANOFORTE.

Also, PARAGON, CHAPPELL, NEGENER, STEINWAY, FISHER, and FRITZSCH. ANGELUS PIANO-PLAYER, Etc., Etc.

HANDSOME ROSEWOOD BEDROOM SUITE, made specially to order by Messrs. BEARD, WATSON, Ltd.

Also, BEDROOM SUITES FOR MINOR ROOMS.

BLACK and BRASS HALF-TESTER BEDSTEADS, with best quality Bedding, complete, for double and single rooms.

KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY UTENSILS. Eureka Gas Stove, Enclosed Dresser, Etc., Etc.

MAHOGANY PEDESTAL WRITING DESK, fitted with numerous drawers, best English manufacture.

CUTLER ROLL-TOP DESK, etc., etc., etc.

VALUABLE NEW GUINEA COCKATOO, considered by connoisseurs to be the best talker and mimic in the Commonwealth.

TWELVE PUREBRED CANARIES.

JAMES R. LAWSON AND LITTLE, FINE ART AND GENERAL AUCTIONEERS, 128-130 PITT STREET, near KING-STREET, will conduct the important sale by auction, as above,

WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

DARLINGHURST.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 SHARP.

BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on the Premises,

142 PALMER-ST, near WILLIAM-ST.

THE BEAUTIFUL FURNISHINGS OF A 2-STORY HOUSE.

VALUABLE BECKER PIANOFORTE, Full Iron Frame, new 6 months ago
MASSIVE CANOPY-TOP CARVED SIDEBOARD
7 x 4 Dining Table
TABLE PLATE and CUTLERY, TEA, DINNER SERVICES, CARPETS, LINOLEUMS
Solid Walnut O'mantels, Beautiful Ornaments
Paintings on Opal, Panel Paintings, Engravings
Morris Green Leather Dining Suite, 9 pieces
Hallstand, New Home T. Sewing Machine
Large Dapple-grey Rocking Horse
HANDSOME BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS
2 MASSIVE BRASS-MOUNTED D. BEDSTEADS, complete
CHARMING LARGE BEDROOM SUITE, Double Robe, Rouge Marb. Washstand, Bijou Dressing Table, with folding side mirrors
Beaconsfield Bedroom Suite
Oak Toilet Pairs, Combinations, etc
Glass-door Dresser, Gas Stove, etc
Kitchen and Laundry Utensils.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB, under instructions from E. W. BRAIN, Esq., who has been called back to England on imperative business, will sell as above.

NO RESERVE. TERMS, CASH.

Telephone, 718. Police Department, Traffic Office, 152 Phillip-street.

THE undermentioned PROPERTY, deposited at the above Office, and unclaimed for the period of three months, will, in accordance with Public Vehicles Regulations 29 and 30, be SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION THIS DAY, by JOHN P. LISTER, at his AUCTION ROOMS, 247 PITT-STREET, at 10 A.M. sharp, unless previously claimed:— Umbrellas, Parachutes, Sticks, Bags, Books, Clothing, Overcoats, Boots, and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

THOMAS GARVIN, Inspector-General of Police.

TO CONTRACTORS, BUILDERS, DEALERS, etc. TO BE SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE, ON FRIDAY, DEC. 8th, AT 11 A.M. AT 76 ADDISON-ROAD, MARRICKVILLE, Large Quantity CORRUG. IRON, Timber, Bricks, Scrap Iron, Ridging, Spouting, Piping, etc.

NORRISS and BLACKET, AUCTIONEERS.

AUCTION SALE. NEWTOWN-ENMORE. SATURDAY NEXT, AT 2.30 P.M. Save Pounds by waiting for our GENUINE SALE of SPLENDID FURNISHINGS, seized under bill of sale. Everything must go.

NORRISS and BLACKET, NEWTOWN BRIDGE.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 2 o'clock. HENRY LEVY will sell by auction, at 361 Cleveland-street, Redfern, Clothing, Boots, Furniture, Crockery, Millinery, Carpets, Lolly Glasses, etc. No Reserve.

WAHROONGA HEIGHTS ESTATE, GRAND LAND. Next Satdy. Lithos. from HARDIE and GORMAN.

THIS DAY,

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1905,

AT 11 O'CLOCK.

FOR POSITIVE SALE BY AUCTION,

AT THE MART, 284 GEORGE-STREET.

ON ACCOUNT OF THOSE CONCERNED.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

LADIES' KID and GLACE EVENING SHOES.
LADIES' COURT SHOES.
LADIES' GLACE HIDE OXFORD SHOES.
GIRLS' GLACE STRAP SHOES.
GIRLS' WHITE FELT STRAP SHOES.
GIRLS' TAN ANKLE STRAP SHOES.
LADIES' TAN GLACE KID OXFORD SHOES.
MAIDS' and GIRLS' CALF BALMORALS.
GENT.'S TAN and GLACE KID OXFORDS.
GENT.'S PATENT CALF OXFORD SHOES.
GENT.'S WHITE CANVAS BALMORALS.
GENT.'S TAN and CALF BUTTON BOOTS.
GENT.'S BOX CALF BALMORALS.
GENT.'S WHITE GYMNASTIC SHOES.
MEN'S KIP BLUCHERS.
INFANTS' STRAP SHOES, PATENT and TAN.
MOTTLED SAND SHOES.

Also,

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WITH ALL FAULTS,

Ex M.M. YARRA,

WGP over 806,

1 CASE LEATHER GOODS, containing Silver-mounted Purses, Wallets, Chain Bags, etc.

1 CASE ASSORTED DRAPERY and GLOVES.

S. H. HARRIS AND COMPANY will SELL as above at THE MART, 284 GEORGE-STREET, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 7th DECEMBER, at 11 o'clock.

THIS AFTERNOON,

AT 2 O'CLOCK SHARP.

STORED AT MESSRS. VINTNER and CO.'S, CAMPERDOWN.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

DOUBLE BEDROOM SUITE, BEDSTEADS and BEDDING. DINING and DRAWING-ROOM APPOINTMENTS. SUPERIOR PIANO, IN WALNUT CASE. CARPETS and FLOOR COVERINGS. PICTURES, and QUANTITY OF SUNDRIES.

H. Y. NORTON will dispose of the above, THIS DAY, at 2 o'clk.

NO RESERVE.

Telephone, 746.

THIS DAY, DECEMBER 7th, at 11 a.m.

At 18 WALKER-STREET, off Foster-street, LEICHHARDT.

By order of the Mortgagees.

WALNUT UPRIGHT GRAND PIANOFORTE, Carl Straum, Berlin.

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE.

Also, Sundry HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS MORNING.

NO RESERVE.

THIS AFTERNOON, DEC. 7th, at 2.30.

OFF MITCHELL-ROAD, ALEXANDRIA,

at rear of BALACLAVA HOTEL.

By Order of the Mortgagees.

WALNUT PIANOFORTE, Rosener.
Ebonised Cabinet, H.P. Suite.
Db. and ½-tester Bedsteads, Wires, and Bedding.
Pine WARDROBE, COMB. CHESTS, Duchesse Washstands.
Dining and Kit. Tables, Dresser, Safe, Crockery, and Cooking Utensils.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS AFTERNOON.

NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY.

JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247 Pitt-street, the Unredeemed Pledges pawned with Mr. E. SPILSBURY, of 118 Forbes-street, Woolloomooloo.

At 11 o'clock: Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 2 o'clock: Sundries and Jewellery.

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

At the Auction Rooms, 247A PITT-STREET.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE MORTGAGEES.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, PIANOFORTES, ETC.

Walnut PIANOFORTE, by EMIL ASCHERBERG.
Handsome PIANOFORTE in EBONISED CASE.
Walnut Drawing-room Suite, fine Overmantel.
Walnut Chippendale Cabinet.
Walnut Inlaid Music Cabinet.
Very Massive WALNUT SIDEBOARD, finely carved and finished.
Cedar Hall Stand and Chairs.
Double and Single Half-tester Brass-mounted Bedsteads and superior Bedding.
2 Splendid BEDROOM SUITES.
Chests of Drawers, Washstands and Ware.
Ornaments, Glassware, and China.
Kitchen Furnishings, etc, etc.

Also, HANDY IRON SAFE and STAND.
2 HANNAM'S BATH-HEATERS.
Eureka Gas Stove.

JOHN P. LISTER has been instructed to sell by auction, at his Rooms, 247A Pitt-street, THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, Pianofortes, Household Furniture, etc. WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

THIS DAY, AT 2.30.

AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS, 115 BATHURST-STREET.

FIRST-CLASS HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS.

Din. and Draw. Room Suites, Ext. Tables.
Massive Rev. Mirrored Sideboards.
Din. Tables, Hall Stands, Occas. Tables.
Aust., Rattan, and High-back Chairs.
UPRIGHT GRAND MIGNON PIANO.
Bedroom 3-pc. Suites, Wardrobes.
Toilet Pairs, Large Cedar Wardrobe.
Sets Ware, Carpets, Linoleums, Curtains.
Lot Pictures, E.P. Ware, Kitchen Dressers.
Also, IN ESTATE H. TAPRELL.
Aust. Rocker, Commode Chair, Pine Chest.
Pr. Pine Toilets, Marble Clock, Set Ware.
Tapestry Carpet, Mirrored Cabinet, 3ft Bedstead.
Lot Books, and Sundries.

VINCENT H. KELSON, AUCTIONEER, is instructed by owners to sell as above.

THIS DAY, THURSDAY, 11 O'CLOCK.

AT 218A PITT-STREET (opposite Palace Theatre).

TO PARTIES FURNISHING AND OTHERS.

Dining Suite, 9 pieces, 8 x 4 Ex. Table, 5ft Sideboard, Dinner Set, E.P. Ware, Bookcase, Al Lino., Drawing-room Suite, Lace Curtains, Duet Music Stool, Upright Grand Piano, by Mozart, in splendid tone, Bamboo Furniture, Large Oil Painting, Hallstand, Carpets, Handsome Nickel Bedstead, complete, Bedroom Suite, Toilet Sets, ¾ and Double Bedsteads, Single Wardrobes, C. Chests, M.T. Washstands, Chest Drawers, Enclosed Dressers. On account: 3 Cottage Pianos, 2 Sideboards, 8 Ex. Tables, 2 6 x 4 Tables, Sheet Iron.

THE ABOVE TO BE SOLD WITHOUT RESERVE.

E. C. NEWBOULD, Auctioneer and Valuator, will sell as above.

TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, AT 11 A.M.

AT THE KIOSK, Domain, near Art Gallery.

UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MR. LANGRISH (consequent upon termination of lease).

THE WHOLE OF THE STOCK, FURNITURE, GLASSWARE, FITTINGS, Cooking Utensils, EUREKA GAS STOVE, PATENT VOLCANIC SYPHON and APPLIANCES, ICE CHEST, Cutlery, 2-Roller Mangle, Sundries, etc.

C. F. W. LLOYD, Auctioneer, 182 Phillip-street. TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE. This Stock is in excellent order and condition.

THIS DAY, at 2 o'clock.

MIDDLETON and CO. are instructed to sell by auction, at No. 170 George-street West, very handsome Sideboard and Bedroom Suite, large Dining Table, Rosewood Piano, Sewing Machine, Carpets, Oilcloth, Pictures, Ornaments, Beaconsfield Wardrobe, and Combination Chests, Washstands, Crockery, Plated Ware, Bedsteads, Bedding, Dresser, and Sundries.

NO RESERVE.

IMPORTANT AND IMPERATIVE.

CITY.

THIS (THURSDAY) MORNING, AT 11 SHARP, on the Premises, 276-8 ELIZABETH-STREET, opp. New Railway.

TO PARTIES FURNISHING, DEALERS, AND OTHERS. Clearing Sale on account of giving up possession.

J. P. WRIGHT, Esq., having leased to Mr. ALFRED FORD the whole of the Premises at present used as an Auction Mart and Furniture Warehouse, possession of same to be handed over within a very short space.

E. HEBDEN BRODRIBB will sell by Public Auction, About 20 Vanloads of First-class Drawing, Dining, Hall, Single, ¾ and Double Bedroom Appointments; Table Plate and Cutlery; Tea, Dinner, and Dessert Services; Glassware, Sideboards, Tables, Chairs, Extension Tables, Leather and Tap. Suites, Carpets, and Linoleums, Occ. Furniture, Overmantels, Pierglasses, 25 Beautiful Bedsteads, 7 Bedroom Suites, W'robes, Combinations, Toilet Pairs, Toiletware, D. Head Sewing Machine, Latest Improved Bitte, Mirrors, H.B. Chairs, Mangle, Presses, Kitchen, Laundry Requisites, etc, etc, Office Furniture and Sundries.

EVERY ... TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER. TAKE ... AM TO TOOHEY'S BREWERY.

WAHROONGA HEIGHTS—GRAND LAND!

ON THE GROUND, AT 3 O'CLOCK,

NEXT SATURDAY, 9TH DECEMBER.

Solicitors to the Estate, Messrs. ALLEN, ALLEN, and HEMSLEY, Martin-place. CALL FOR PLAN! CALL FOR PLAN!

HARDIE AND GORMAN, AUCTIONEERS, in conjunction with J. G. EDWARDS and CO., Moore-street, Sydney, and Hornsby.

KOGARAH. MARKS' GRANT.

BLOCKS 40 x 150, £10. £1 CASH, 10s MONTHLY. TORRENS.

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HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION at

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IMPORTANT SALE BY AUCTION, at the Residence, 161 GLENMORE-ROAD. Leave Tram at Ormond-street. Under instructions from Mrs. KEYSER, including SPLENDID AUCHER FRERE PIANO.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE SECOND OF THE SERIES OF ART SALES On TO-DAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, at 11 O'CLOCK.

CHARLES H. HARRIS and CO., Ltd., of 25 JAMIESON-ST (between Hunter and Bridge streets) having decided to relinquish the Fine Arts Business altogether, desire to announce that they are now offering the whole of their well-selected and important collection by Public Auction, at their Rooms, and every article submitted will go to the highest bidder.

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GIGANTIC SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION of BUILDING MATERIALS, BUILDING MATERIALS, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK, on the site of the Demolition of the SOUTH WING of the SYDNEY HOSPITAL.

The whole of these Materials are of the finest quality, and of great strength, comprising—
50,000 full-sized Sandstock Bricks, all spotted
15,000 PURPLE BANGOR SLATES, 20 x 10
2000 Perches Dressed Freestone, 12 inch
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40 Cedar Panel Doors, 80 Box Frames and Sashes
15 Principals, 30 feet Span, Spiral Staircase
500 H'wood Joists, 30ft long, 12 x 3, 5000ft Battens
10,000 feet H'wood Rafters, 6 x 2½, 5 x 2½
4 Enamel Cast Iron Baths, 4 Patent W.Cs., complete
2000 feet Water and Gas Piping, large quantity of 5in, 4in, 3in, 2in Cast Down Piping, 6 Register Grates, Cupboards, Dressers, Linen Presses, etc.

A. BARNETT will sell as above, under instructions from Messrs. BARRATT and DUNCAN. NO RESERVE.

To Drapers, Clothiers, Shop Fitters, Dealers, etc. On the Premises, 16 and 18 Botany-rd (nr. Raglan-st). TO-MORROW, FRIDAY, at 10.30 sharp. The STOCK and WORKING PLANT of J. M. HILL, who is leaving the State, comprising General Drapery, Clothing, Fancy Goods, Haberdashery, Trimmed and Untrimmed Millinery, etc, etc.

Also, at 12 o'clock, Working Plant, comprising Counters, Glass Showcases, Shelving, Chairs, Tables, Models, Stands, Outside Lamps, P.G. Mirrors, Boot Manufacturer's Machine, Typewriter; 2 large Magnificent P.G. Showcases, in English Oak (cost £20); also, Dayton Co.'s Grocer's Computing Scales, in perfect order. Also, Cedar Wardrobe, Combination Chest, Raleigh Gas Stove. Absolutely No Reserve. Terms, Cash.

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The Plant of a Condiment Factory, comprising Steam Boiler, with Fittings and Steam Connections, Steam Jacket Pan, Work Benches, Tools, Jars, Casks, Tubs, Sundries, etc, etc.

MESSRS. H. W. HORNING and CO., Auctioneers, have been instructed by the Mortgagee to offer the above for Sale by Public Auction, on the Premises, 573 Harris-street, Ultimo, on FRIDAY NEXT, 8th December, instant, at 3 p.m. Terms, Cash. Inspection by arrangement with Auctioneers.

TO-DAY, THURSDAY, at 2.30 p.m. On the Premises, 112 OXFORD-STREET, CITY.

R. SUTHERLAND and CO. will sell:— Bedroom and Kitchen Furniture and Effects; also, Barber's Chairs, Showcases, Mirrors, and all Fittings and Effects of Tobacconist's Shop and Hairdressing Saloon. Also, Stock, consisting of Pipes, Cigars, Pocket Knives, etc. NO RESERVE.

The business will first be offered as a going concern, and if no satisfactory bid is made the Stock and Furniture, etc., will be sold in lots.

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LAND: 100ft x 175ft.

The Title is Leasehold, the lease having about 80 years to run, but Title can be converted into a Freehold.

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION, in the Rooms, 92 Pitt-street, on THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER, at 11.30 a.m.

RAINE and HORNE, in conjunction with BATT, RODD, and PURVES, Ltd., AUCTIONEERS. (252) Vendor's Solicitor: M. E. PRICE, Esq.

WAHROONGA HEIGHTS ESTATE, GRAND LAND. Next Satdy. Lithos. from HARDIE and GORMAN.

SUMMER HILL ESTATE Sale. 3 Years. Land must be sold. SATURDAY Next. R. and W., Ltd.

ORDER OF SALE OF SUBURBAN and COUNTRY PROPERTIES, to be offered at the Rooms, 113 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, AT 11.30 A.M.

PEAKHURST.—By Order of the Mortgagee.—Lillian-road, 7 acres 2 roods 11 perches of excellent land, with a water frontage to Salt Pan Creek, fenced, with one room thereon, and partly under cultivation. Torrens title. Messrs. Shipway and Berne, Solicitors to the Mortgagee.

MARRICKVILLE.—Imperative Sale.—60 Shepherd-street.—Brick House, 4 rooms, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, and washhouse, sewer, land about 15ft by 131ft to Meek-street at rear. Torrens.

PADDINGTON, Sutherland-street.—An eligible Building Site, having 40ft frontage by 105ft to a lane at rear, Torrens title, being lots 11 and 12, section 2.

BEECROFT, convenient station, Hannah-street, Cardinal-avenue, and Goodlet-st.—MALCOLM FIELD, a well-selected Orchard Property of 11 acres 15 perches, about 1000 trees, with vineyard. Brick Cottage, 6 rooms, kitchen, all offices, large verandah, city water; also tanks, brick stable, coach-house, with servant's room, storeroom, and 2 other rooms. Torrens.

BURWOOD, Wentworth-road.—2 Brick Cottages, 5 rooms, kitchen, and offices, and 4 rooms and offices, respectively. Land, 146ft by the magnificent depth of 549ft along a lane, Torrens. Can be sold separately if required.

HURSTVILLE.—By order of the Mortgagees, Woid's-avenue.—W.B. Cottage, 3 rooms, washhouse, and sheds, city water, land 80 x 119ft 8in to a lane, Torrens title, easy terms.

LAWSON, The Avenue.—2 W.B. Cottages, completely furnished, known as Clareville and Glenview, containing 8 rooms, 2 kitchens, servant's room, offices, stables, and outhouses, and 5 rooms, kitchen, and outhouses, respectively, land 6 acres, part orchard, Torrens, can be sold separately, suit boarding-house.

HURSTVILLE, Belle Vue-parade.—A Weatherboard Cottage, 2 large rooms and kit., city water, land 40 x 129ft 8in, Torrens, fruit trees and garden, in conjunction with Fred Brown, Esq., Hurstville.

COOGEE, Allison-road.—Lovely ocean views, a Brick House, 6 rooms, kitchen, all offices, gas, cedar fittings, marble mantels, etc., land 40 x 150, Torrens.

ENMORE.—Deceased Estate.—34 Tupper-street, at the corner of Cowper-street.—A Brick Shop and Dwelling, containing 4 rooms, kitchen, all offices, wide balcony on two sides, land 40 x 102, Freehold, occupied as a grocer's shop. A splendid opportunity for a business man.

THORNLEIGH.—Lot 5, Sec. 5, Thornleigh Township, 40 feet to Thornleigh-street by 120. Torrens.

BEXLEY.—Lots 1 and 18, Lynton Estate, 57 feet 9 in to Bay View-road by 223 feet along Parliament-terrace, with 57 feet 9 in to Bay View-street at rear. Torrens.

ENMORE, 41 Simmons-street.—Brick House, 4 rooms, kitchen, bathroom, washhouse, gas, and sewer. Land 22 feet 6 in by 92 feet. Torrens. Let at 12s 6d week. A first-class investment property.

KOGARAH, Doll's Point Estate, close to the bay.—3 Lovely Sites—Lot 97, 40 x 220, Lots 31 and 32, each 40 x 190, fronting Russell-avenue, Torrens title.

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WAHROONGA HEIGHTS ESTATE, GRAND LAND. Next Satdy. Lithos. from HARDIE and GORMAN.

ORDER OF SALE

CITY, SUBURBAN, AND COUNTRY PROPERTIES, to be SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Rooms, Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., TO-MORROW (FRIDAY).

ULTIMO.—Block of Land, Crown-road, near Allen-street, with Building thereon, occupied by Metrop. Ice Co. Freehold, subject to lease. Executors' Sale.

PYRMONT.—Eight Cottages, Nos. 54 to 68 John-street, corner of Jones-street. Executors' Sale.

ULTIMO.—Block of Land, Harris-street, with four Houses, Nos. 549 to 555, and adjoining Premises. Freehold, subject to leases.

ULTIMO.—Two Corner Blocks Land, Crown-road and Allen-street, with Nos. 4 to 12 Allen-street, and House at corner thereon; and Block, Harris and Allen streets, with Congregational Church and School-hall thereon, Freehold, subject to leases.

ULTIMO.—Block Land, Harris-street and Schlinker's-lane, with Nos. 460 and 462 Harris-street, and stables at rear thereon. Freehold, subject to leases.

MOORE PARK.—Four Houses, Nos. 485 to 491 Dowling-street, and No. 113 Fitzroy-street.

PADDINGTON.—Cottage and vacant Land, No. 82 Underwood-street.

GLEBE.—Shop and Cottage, Nos. 48 and 50 Derwent and Mitchell streets. Leasehold.

GLEBE POINT.—Cottage, "Enslee," Tuxteth-road and Mansfield-street. Freehold.

DARLINGTON.—Vine Cottages, Nos. 4 and 6 Shepherd-street, close to Cleveland-street.

DITTO.—House and Cottage, Nos. 88 and 87 Alma-street, near Codrington-street. Leasehold.

MACDONALDTOWN.—Two Shops and Four Dwellings, Nos. 78, 78, 82, 86, 88, 90 Burren-street. Executors' Sale.

ERSKINEVILLE.—Six Houses, "Carlisle Terrace," Nos. 2 to 12 Clara-street, corner of Ada-street. Executors' Sale.

DITTO.—Allotment, Ada-street, adjoining above. Executors' Sale.

ALEXANDRIA.—Herbert Terrace, Eleven Houses and Shop, Nos. 135 to 155 Henderson-road. Leasehold.

NEWTOWN.—House and Cottage, Nos. 33 and 35 Campbell-street, near Queen-street.

CAMPERDOWN.—Cottage, No. 19 College-street, off Missenden-road. Mortgagee's Sale.

BALMAIN.—Four Cottages, Nos. 12 to 18 Carrington-street, off Evans-street. Leasehold.

DITTO.—Four Cottages, Nos. 5 to 11 Carrington-street. Leasehold.

BALMAIN.—Cottage, No. 17 Cook-street, Rozelle. Mortgagees' Sale.

BIRKENHEAD.—Cottage, "Riverside," Roseby-street and Ferry-road. Assigned Estate.

WATSON'S BAY.—Cottage, Camp Cove and Victoria-street, next Cliff-street. Executors' Sale.

MANLY.—Two Residences, "Marli" and "Craigville," Darley-road, near Ashburner-street.

MOSMAN.—Allotment, Cowles-road, between Belmont-road and Short-street.

CHATSWOOD.—Cottage, "Roma," Railway-street, between Day and Macintosh streets. Mortgagees' Sale.

MARRICKVILLE.—House and Cottage, "Belvadere" and "Valere," Scouller-street, off Enmore-road. Executors' Sale.

DITTO.—Cottage, No. 62 Silver-street.

CONCORD.—W.B. Cottage, Bray-street. Mortgagees' Sale.

MARRICKVILLE.—Allotment, Birtley-street, Riverside Estate.

WAHROONGA.—Cottage, Bundarra-avenue, and 1 acre, at railway fence.

BONDI.—Allotment, Roscoe-street, Lot 8, Sec. 2, Queenscliffe Estate.

DUNDAS.—Block of 6ac 2r 27p, Kissing Point, Elder's and Calder's roads, together with Shop and Dwelling thereon. Mortgagees' Sale.

DITTO.—Block of 3ac and 27p, Kissing Point and Leamington roads, planted, opposite above. Mortgagees' Sale.

GLENFIELD.—30ac and W.B. Cottage, fronting three roads, close to railway station. Mortgagees' Sale.

PENNANT HILLS.—Block, 60ac 2r 14p, Jurd's Grant, main road, Castle Hill to Pennant Hills. Mortgagees' Sale.

HAWKESBURY RIVER.—Block, 40 acres, known as T. Foody's, east of Gundaman's Creek, with Cottage thereon. Mortgagees' Sale.

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LAND, 100ft frontage Darley-road, depth 120ft.

AUCTION SALE, FRIDAY, 8th DECEMBER, at our Rooms, 98 Pitt-street, at 11.30 o'clock.

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BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

AUCTION SALE, NEXT WEDNESDAY.

NEUTRAL BAY.

LOT 1.—AN ATTRACTIVE BRICK-BUILT COTTAGE, with slate roof, well finished, and STANDING IN PRETTY GARDEN GROUNDS, known as "ROCKLEY," No. 60 HAYES-ROAD, 1 minute from Electric Tram, and close to Wharf. Contg. Ent. Hall, Dining and Drawing Rooms, Conservatory, Playroom, 5 Bedrooms, Servant's Room, Bathroom, 2 Pantries, Linen Press, Kitchen, Laundry, 2 Outhouses, Tiled Verandah.

LAND 50ft to HAYES-ROAD x 133ft deep. TITLE, Leasehold, 99 years from January 1, 1878. Ground Rent, £15 yearly.

LOT 2.—A PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED BRICK-BUILT HOUSES, known as "CRAIGLEE" and "MONA," Nos. 38 and 40 RAYMOND-ROAD, 4 minutes from Tram Stopping.

EACH containing Dining and Drawing Rooms, 3 Bedrooms, Servant's Room, Bathroom, Kitchen, Laundry, etc. Tiled Verandah, garden in front. Each let at 20s per week, and producing together £104 YEARLY.

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HARDIE and GORMAN have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, 133 Pitt-street, at 11.30 a.m., ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, DEC. 13th, 1905, The above-described Properties.

BY ORDER OF THE MORTGAGEES.

LOT 1.—LEICHHARDT, CICELY-STREET.—W.B. Cottage, 4 rooms, hall, etc, land 56ft 6in frontage by depths of 114ft 10in and 126ft 2in. TORRENS.

LOT 2.—GLEBE POINT, FERRY-ROAD.—Two Brick Houses, slate roof, No. 63-65, each 4 rooms, kitchen, washhouse, etc.; also, W.B. Cottage at rear, 4 rooms, etc., Land 35ft frontage by depths of about 140ft and 146ft to lane at rear. FREEHOLD.

LOT 3.—AUBURN, PARK-ROAD.—W.B. Cottage, 4 rooms, hall, kitchen, pantry, bathroom, washhouse, etc. Land 60ft frontage by depth 165ft. FREEHOLD.

J. E. GREEN and CO. have received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, at their ROOMS, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14th, at 11.30 o'clock. The above-described Property.

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KNIGHT.—The Friends of Mrs. LOUISA C. KNIGHT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her beloved HUSBAND, Charles John, which will leave his late residence, Government-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necropolis. J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

KNIGHT.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE COTTERELL, Sen., also MAY and ERNEST, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON and BROTHER-IN-LAW, Charles J. Knight, which will leave his late residence, Government-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necrop.

KNIGHT.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. ROBERTSON and Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE PROUDFOOT are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Charles J. Knight, which will leave his late residence, Government-road, Marrickville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.15, for the Necrop.

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KNIGHT.—The Friends of WILLIAM and GEORGE KNIGHT and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved BROTHER and UNCLE, Charles John (Kelly) Knight; to leave his late residence, Government-road, Marrickville, TO-DAY, at 1.15 p.m., for Necropolis.

KNIGHT.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN WHOLOHAN and Mr. JOHN, JAMES, and TIMOTHY HALPIN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved STEPBROTHER, Charles John (Kelly) Knight; to leave his late residence, Government-road, Marrickville, TO-DAY, at 1.15.

FINNIE.—The Friends of Mrs. RACHEL ELIZABETH FINNIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Lawrett John Finnie; to leave his wife's residence, 104 Bay-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers.

FINNIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED JOHN FINNIE, Verger of St. George's Church, Glenmore-road, Paddington, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Lawrett J. Finnie; to leave 104 Bay-street, city, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

FINNIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK FINNIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Lawrett J. Finnie; to leave his wife's residence, 104 Bay-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers. Tel., 203 Glebe.

FINNIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT G. FINNIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Lawrett J. Finnie; to leave his wife's residence, 104 Bay-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers, 185 George-st W.

FINNIE.—The Friends of EMILY J. FINNIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved FATHER, Lawrett J. Finnie; to leave his wife's residence, 104 Bay-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers, 185 George-st W.

FINNIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. SIDNEY WILLIAM FINNIE are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved FATHER, Lawrett J. Finnie; to leave his wife's residence, 104 Bay-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO., U'takers.

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FINNIE.—The Friends of Mrs. ELIZABETH FEHRENBACH are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly beloved BROTHER, Lawrett John Finnie; to leave Bay-street, Glebe, THIS DAY, at 1.45, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood.

FINNIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. DAVID ROBERT SOLOMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Lawrett Finnie; to leave his wife's residence, 104 Bay-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO.

FINNIE.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH SOLOMON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Lawrett Finnie; to leave his wife's residence, 104 Bay-street, city, THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m., for C.E. Cemetery, Rookwood.

DINAN.—A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Saint James' Church, Forest Lodge, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, for the repose of the soul of the late DAVID DINAN. Funeral THIS AFTERNOON to Rookwood.

DINAN.—The Funeral of the late DAVID DINAN will leave Saint James' Church, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO., Undertakers, 183 George-street West. Telephone, 203 Glebe.

DINAN.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. PATRICK DINAN, of Wells-street, Annandale, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, David Dinan; to leave St. James' Church, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. P. BYRNES and CO.

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DINAN.—The Officers and Members of St. Vincent De Paul's Branch No. 170 of H.A.C.B. Society, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of our late Bro., DAVID DINAN; to leave St. James' Church, Forest Lodge, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. Thos. J. Breen, Richard King.

BRIDGE.—The Friends of the late Mr. THOMAS BRIDGE, late of Day-street, Leichhardt, are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to leave Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30 p.m., for Rookwood Cemetery. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 208 King-street, Newtown, Tel., 184 N. and Railway Parade, Kogarah.

ABSALOM.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. AMBROSE O. ABSALOM are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved SON, William; to leave their residence, 21 Smith-street, Waterloo, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery. C. FIELD and SON, Undertakers, 58 Botany-road, Alexandria.

ABSALOM.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM GANE and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved NEPHEW and COUSIN, William Absalom; to move from his parents' residence, 21 Smith-street, Waterloo, THIS DAY, at 1.30, for Rookwood Cemetery.

ABSALOM.—The Friends of Mrs. M. A. ABSALOM are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved GRANDSON, William Thomas Absalom; to leave his parents' residence, Smith-street, Waterloo, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at quarter to 2, for the Necropolis, Rookwood.

MONMESSON.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. LEWIS MONMESSON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Mary Cecelia Josephine; to leave their residence, 11 Bridge-road, Pyrmont, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY, Head Office, 472-82 Harris-street.

ROBERTS.—The Friends of the late Mr. JOHN ROBERTS are respectfully informed that his Funeral will leave 259 Castlereagh-street, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood. WALTER STEWART and SON, Tel., 1544. Pitt and Bathurst streets.

ROBERTS.—The Friends of Mr. THOMAS ROBERTS are respectfully informed that the Funeral of his beloved BROTHER, John, will leave 259 Castlereagh-street, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 1.30, for Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood. WALTER STEWART and SON.

NEWTON.—The Funeral of the late HENRY NEWTON, son of Captain Newtown, Deputy Superintendent of Navigation, will move from his residence, 61 Albany-road, Petersham, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for the Petersham station, thence to the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Limited, Undertakers, 7 Elizabeth-street, city. Tel., 875.

NEWTON.—The Friends of Mrs. AGNES NEWTON are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her dearly beloved HUSBAND, Henry Newton; to move from 61 Albany-road, Petersham, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.45 p.m., for the Necropolis. Mrs. P. KIRBY and SON, Ltd., Undertakers, 51 Darlinghurst-road. T., 875.

THE Officers and Brethren of LODGE VICTORIA, No. 113, U.G.L. N.S.W., are fraternally invited to attend the Funeral of their late Wor. Brother, H. NEWTON, P.M., leaving Petersham by the 2.20 train from Sydney for Necropolis. W. T. WILLINGTON, Secretary.

P. A. F. S. OF A., PRINCE VICTOR LODGE, No. 63.—The Members of this and sister Lodges are invited to attend the Funeral of their late Past Master, Brother HENRY NEWTON; to leave his late residence, 61 Albany-road, Petersham, THIS THURSDAY, at 1.45, for Petersham station, thence to Rookwood. J. J. WATTS, W.M. ROBERT WALLACE, Sec.

ST. GEORGE'S ENGLISH RIFLE REGIMENT.—Officers and Members of the above Regiment are requested to attend the Funeral of the late Lieut. NEWTON, O.C., F. Coy., at 1.45 p.m., THIS DAY, 61 Albany-road, Petersham. F. Coy. will provide firing party and parade with arms. Others review order. Side arms only. By order. J. M. MOORE, Lieut., Adjutant St. G. E. R. Regt.

LEWIS.—The Friends of Mrs. HANNAH LEWIS are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from 111 George-street, Erskineville, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 1.45, for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis. ERNEST ANDREWS and CO., Undertakers, Mary-street, Newtown.

LEWIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. R. PURSS, of 243 Bridge-road, Forest Lodge, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Hannah Lewis; to move from 111 George-street, Erskineville, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 1.45, for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis.

LEWIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. A. PURSS, of 188 Nelson-street, Annandale, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Hannah Lewis; to move from 111 George-street, Erskineville, TO-DAY, THURSDAY, at 1.45, for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis.

LEWIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. PURSS, of Union-street, Newtown, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Hannah Lewis; to move from 111 George-street, Erskineville, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 1.45, for Newtown station, thence to Necropolis.

LEWIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. GLEESON are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly loved SISTER, Mrs. Hannah Lewis; to move from 111 George-street, Erskineville, THIS DAY, THURSDAY, at 1.45, for Newtown station. ERNEST ANDREWS and CO., Mary-street, opp. P.O., Newtown.

LEWIS.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. S. PURSS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SISTER, Mrs. Hannah Lewis; to move from 111 George-street, Erskineville, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Newtown Station, thence Necropolis.

BLACK.—The Friends of Mr. SAMUEL BLACK are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late dearly loved DAUGHTER, Mona; to leave our Funeral Parlours, 786 George-street, Haymarket, THIS AFTERNOON, at 1.45, for Presbyterian Cemetery, Rookwood. COFFILL and COMPANY, Tel., 424, etc. Funeral Directors.

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WILSON.—The Relatives and Friends of Mrs. SARAH WILSON and FAMILY are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved DAUGHTER and their SISTER, Beatrice; to move from their residence, 75 Mort-street, Balmain, THIS (THURSDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, for Field of Mars Cemetery. WOOD and COMPANY, Funeral Directors, Etc., Sydney and suburbs and Parramatta. Tel., 726, etc.

M'CORMICK.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JOHN M'CORMICK, Shipley, North Sydney, are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late DAUGHTER, Fannie Maud, which will take place THIS AFTERNOON (Thursday), at the Church of England Cemetery, Rookwood. Train leaves Mor. Stn. at 2.23.

BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE.—The Funeral of the late BISHOP OF NEWCASTLE will take place at Morpeth, THIS DAY, 7th December, leaving St. James' Church for the Morpeth Cemetery at 2.45 p.m. W. R. NORMAN and SONS, Funeral Directors, West Maitland.

TINDALL.—The Funeral of the late FRANCIS R. TINDALL will move from Hopewell-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 2.45 p.m., for C. of E. Cemetery, Waverley. CHARLES KINSELA, Funeral Director, Head Office, 116 Oxford-street, city. Tel., 992.

TINDALL.—The Friends of Mr. JOHN C. TINDALL are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late BROTHER, Francis R. Tindall; to move from Hopewell-street, Paddington, THIS DAY, Thursday, at 2.45 p.m., for C. of E. Cemetery, Waverley. CHARLES KINSELA.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mrs. JANE SMITH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Arthur John Smith (late of Evening Star Hotel); to leave his late residence, 9 Cleveland-street, Redfern, THIS (Thursday) AFTERNOON, at 3, for Waverley Cemetery. By request, no flowers.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. WILLIAM SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. ALBERT SMITH, Mr. and Mrs. HERBERT SMITH, and Mr. FRED. SMITH, are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Arthur; to leave his late residence, 9 Cleveland-street, Redfern, at 3 o'clock, THIS AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery. No flowers.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mrs. MARY ANN BURTON and Mr. and Mrs. GEORGE SLADE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late BROTHER, Arthur; to leave his late residence, 9 Cleveland-street, Redfern, at 3, THIS AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery. No flowers.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. JAMES STEELE and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved SON-IN-LAW and BROTHER-IN-LAW, Arthur John Smith; to leave his late residence, 9 Cleveland-street, Redfern, at 3 o'clock, THIS AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery. No flowers.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. and Mrs. FOSTER and Mr. and Mrs. CRANE are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW, Arthur John Smith; to leave his late residence, 9 Cleveland-street, Redfern, at 3, THIS AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery. No flowers.

SMITH.—The Friends of Mr. C. J. BROWN and FAMILY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER-IN-LAW and UNCLE, Arthur John Smith; to leave his late residence, 9 Cleveland-street, Redfern, at 3, THIS AFTERNOON, for Waverley Cemetery. No flowers.

SMITH.—The Friends of REGINALD GEORGE SMITH are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late UNCLE, Arthur John Smith; to leave his late residence, 9 Cleveland-street, Redfern, THIS AFTERNOON, at 3, for Waverley Cemetery. No flowers.

MASONIC LODGE HIRAM, No. 122.—The Officers and Members are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of our deceased Brother, ARTHUR JOHN SMITH; to move from his late residence, 9 Cleveland-street, Redfern, TO-DAY, at 3 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. Regalia at grave. G. E. MURRAY, W.M. A. J. JESSEP, Sec.

CLARKIN.—The Friends of Mrs. MATTHEW CLARKIN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of her late dearly loved HUSBAND; to leave his late residence, 5 Cleveland-street, Redfern, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 1.30 p.m., for th Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY. Tel., 424, etc.

CLARKIN.—The Friends of Miss MARY and Mr. JAMES CLARKIN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their late dearly loved FATHER; to leave 5 Cleveland-street, Redfern, TO-MORROW (Friday), at 1.30 p.m., for the Necropolis. COFFILL and COMPANY.

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